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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Blade in shoe:** Federal prosecutors have dropped a charge filed against a man accused of trying to board an airplane in Hawaii with a blade hidden in one of his shoes, the man's attorney said Monday.

Randall Rustick, 33, of Fairfax, Va., was charged with attempting to board an aircraft with a concealed weapon after he was arrested Dec. 21 at Honolulu International Airport.

Rustick didn't know the three-inch blade was in his shoe, and had cooperated with prosecutors and the FBI, defense attorney Howard Luke said.

**Philadelphia mayor bugged:** Federal prosecutors have filed court papers detailing testimony they plan to present in an ongoing investigation that involved FBI wiretapping of Philadelphia city officials and their political supporters.

Authorities have declined to explain why they bugged Mayor John Street's office in 2003, and he has denied any wrongdoing.

However, according to court documents filed Monday, Street's former finance director, Janice Davis, will testify that the mayor "instructed her to favor firms recommended" by Ronald A. White, a close ally of Street's and a central figure in the probe.

The testimony detailed in the court papers will be presented at a trial scheduled to begin Jan. 18.

**Slain baby case:** The surviving daughters of a Texas woman accused of killing her 10-month-old baby by cutting off her arms could be returned to the custody of their father.

A tentative agreement was reached Monday to return the girls, ages 6 and 9, to their father, John Schlosser, but the agreement requires a judge's approval. The Dallas Morning News reported.

Dena Schlosser, a 35-year-old Plano housewife with a history of mental illness, was charged with capital murder Nov. 22 after she told a 911 operator that she had severed baby Margaret's arms.

**Medical malpractice reform:** Most Americans see health care and insurance costs as a more pressing problem than malpractice lawsuits, a survey says, although the Bush administration often cites litigation as a reason for high medical bills.

The Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprof-



**Fla. hurricanes:** Sailboats washed ashore by Hurricane Frances on Sept. 5 rest in a parking lot in Fort Pierce, Fla. While defending its handling of disaster assistance during the four hurricanes that hit Florida last year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency revealed Monday that it overpaid \$12 million in relief to 3,500 Floridians and is trying to recoup the money. The agency blamed the problem on a "computer glitch." "We've found that the majority of concerns raised regarding assistance provided to individuals in Florida ... are not representative of widespread fraud," said Daniel Craig, director of FEMA's recovery division.

it organization that studies health care issues, and the Harvard School of Public Health said reducing malpractice jury awards ranked 11th on a list of 12 items people thought should be health care priorities for the president and Congress.

Named most often, by 63 percent of respondents, was lowering the cost of health care and insurance, followed closely by making Medicare more financially sound and increasing the number of Americans with insurance.

Bush is seeking a \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages that compensate for pain and suffering, saying large malpractice awards are driving up the costs of business and insurance and forcing doctors to give up their practices.

## World

**Ukrainian election:** Viktor Yanukovich, the losing candidate in Ukraine's presidential vote, said Tuesday that he would appeal to the Supreme Court over the announcement of opponent Viktor Yushchenko's electoral victory.

The final official tally of the Dec. 26 vote

showed Yushchenko with 51.99 percent and the Kremlin-favored Yanukovich with 44.2 percent, the Central Election Commission announced late Monday, formally declaring Yushchenko the victor 15 days after the balloting.

## Military

**Navy landing field:** Internal Navy e-mail messages reveal a lack of objectivity in the choice of a proposed landing field in eastern North Carolina, attorneys trying to block the field said in newly filed court papers.

The skeptical e-mail messages — including one in which an environmental planner complained to a colleague of having to "reverse engineer" the process to justify the outcome — were not isolated excerpts as the Navy contends, opponents said.

Opponents want a federal judge in Raleigh to block the landing field until the Navy does another site selection and takes the required hard look at environmental effects on nearby Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

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Wearing Japan's traditional kimono, Satomi Kawaguchi, a diver at Tokyo's Sunshine International Aquarium, embraces a giant moray Monday during the annual new year's feeding performance.

## Carrier's sea trials

The USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier left its permanent base at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on Tuesday to conduct sea trials as the final step in a four-month maintenance period.

"We need to reacquaint ourselves and our ship and with the way of doing business at sea," said Capt. Tom Parker, USS Kitty Hawk commanding officer.

The sea trials will let the crew test maintenance, repairs and system upgrades and perform key damage-control drills.

"We will be training while at sea to prevent disasters from taking place," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Alex Pestereanu. "We will conduct fire drills for fuel stations, practice prevention of fires on the flight deck" and rig barricades for emergency landings, he said.

During the maintenance period, berthing space rehabilitation was completed, extensive work was done in main engineering spaces and significant parts of the ventilation system were replaced. Sailors also applied 7,600 square feet of polymeric deck covering, which allows for easier maintenance and cleaning than standard tile floors, a Navy news release stated.

## Campship honor

LAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Brieanna Carroll of Pusan High School in South Korea has been selected to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific announced that Carroll will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and travel to Wash-

ington, D.C. The program, sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, is open to high-school junior and senior elected class officers or student government members.

Program finalists included Lindsay Davis from Kadena High School in Okinawa, Alison Ward from Guam High School and Johannes Geist from Zama High School in Japan.

## Discount Kabuki tickets

TOKYO — The International Theatre Institute (ITI) is offering half-price Kabuki tickets to foreigners living in Japan for performances on Feb. 17, 18 and 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Kabuki-za in Tokyo.

The performances of Kabuki, traditional Japanese theater, will feature five National Treasure Kabuki actors.

A brochure guide, which gives English translations and an explanation of the performances, is available for a discounted rental fee of 500 yen (about \$4.80) with a 1,000 yen (about \$9.60) security deposit. An English-language program will be available at the theater for 1,000 yen.

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From staff reports

# Misawa to host about 250 from N.M. Air Force unit

## 4-month stay not tied to any threat, base officials say

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — About 250 airmen from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., will call Misawa home for the next four months.

Most of the incoming members of the 27th Fighter Wing and about 14 of the wing's F-16 fighter jets already are on station, with a few more personnel still to arrive.

Misawa base officials said the deployment was planned months in advance and is not tied to a specific threat.

"This deployment is a prudent measure to maintain a credible deterrent posture and presence in the region," said base spokesman 1st Lt. James Lage. "This is an example of the flexibility that U.S. forces have to meet ongoing commitments throughout the Asia Pacific region," he added.

Other examples include the previous announcements of bombers deployed to Guam.

The Cannon influx comes when Misawa is minus some personnel and planes: About 15 of the 35th Fighter Wing's F-16s are receiving extensive upgrades at Hill Air Force Base depot in Utah, the last batch of Misawa fighters to go through the Common Configuration Implementation Program. Those jets are due back in May.

The base also is gearing up to send support to Southwest Asia in support of the global war on terrorism. The deployment is part of a scheduled Air Force Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation cycle. Numbers deploying and their departure dates were not available Tuesday.

Most of the Cannon airmen deploying to Misawa are fighter pilots and maintainers. Base officials said the visiting air crews will fly normal training sorties during their deployment.

"They're pretty much going to be flying them and fixing them," 1st Lt. Lie Holbert, 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron reception officer, said of the planes.

The majority of the Cannon contingent arrived Jan. 3 and is to stay until May. It's the largest bed-down of incoming forces at Misawa in recent memory, say airmen with 35th LRS, which was in charge of planning the reception and integration of the New Mexico servicemembers into the base community. Numerous details had to be worked out for the airmen's Misawa stay, including lodging, meals, transportation and access to Internet and laundry services.

"It's gone extremely well," said

## With airmen at lodges, hotel space is limited

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — About 250 airmen from Cannon Air Base, N.M., deployed here for the next four months, are rooming at the Misawa Inn and Misawa Navy Lodge, and base officials say lodging for other patrons is limited as a result.

In a written statement, Lt. Col. Karl Mostert, 35th Services Squadron commander, said that just more than 50 percent of the rooms at the Misawa Inn have been assigned to the Cannon airmen, while Misawa Navy Lodge is contributing 40 rooms to the bed-down.

Navy lodging facilities at Misawa offer more than 400 rooms for transient guests, divided between officer and enlisted quarters.

Mostert said a message was sent Defense Department-wide to inform potential customers that lodging at Misawa will be extremely limited for the next several months and that those on temporary duty should plan to lodge at off-base hotels.

Mostert said the base's temporary lodging facilities (TLFs), including those reserved for pet owners, are not being used to house the Cannon servicemembers and should be able to provide enough rooms on most dates for families making a permanent change of station either into or out of Misawa.

"We highly recommend all potential TLF customers make reservations as soon as they have orders and have established good dates for their lodging needs," Mostert wrote.

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Lt. Col. Craig Greenwood

Commander

35th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Lt. Col. Craig Greenwood, 35th LRS commander, "Most of the folks here want to make it good for the folks coming in. They take it to heart when you say you want to give them the best quality of life" during their time here because "you never know when you'll have to go somewhere where they'll be setting up support for you."

For 35th LRS airmen and augmentees from other units, receiving and processing the visiting servicemembers and 150 tons of cargo upon their arrival was the chance to employ skills and knowledge previously used only in exercises. "When we practice, we don't have this many people," Holbert said.

Personnel files were made for the arriving airmen containing medical records, orders and emergency contact information, said Master Sgt. Ronnell Knox, 35th LRS readiness flight superintendent. The visiting servicemembers also attended an orientation in which they were briefed on everything from driving on the left side of the road to which Misawa city establishments are off-limits to base personnel.

During the initial orientation, Knox said, the vice wing com-

mander, Col. Don Weckhorst, "told them they would be treated as part of the wing and that any activities the wing gets involved in, they'll be a part of."

Holbert said, "We're going to pretty much treat them as our own while they're here." During their stay the Cannon airmen will eat at Grissom Dining Facility. For transportation, the base is providing them a combination of shuttle service and government and rental vehicles.

The 35th Communications Squadron ensured the Cannon airmen can get Internet service in their rooms and the 35th Civil Engineer Squadron erected temporary laundry facilities behind the Misawa Red Cross building, officials said.

Greenwood said the 35th Services Squadron has a full calendar of activities planned for the airmen.

"We attempt to try and quickly integrate the unit into the wing," he said. "Whether or not they're here or in the desert, they're away from home. Wing leadership made it clear up front that they want to give them the highest quality of life while they're here."

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# Marines carrying aid, but no guns

BY ERIC TALMADGE  
The Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS BONHOMME RICHARD — Cpl. Sean Foley looks around the ship's main armory and takes a quick inventory. The room is overflowing with guns. Pistols, sniper rifles, machine guns, grenade launchers.

But for the time being, it's all staying right here. In an effort to ease the fears of local officials, Marines participating in the humanitarian mission to help Indonesia recover from the earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 100,000 people on the island of Sumatra have agreed to leave their weapons behind whenever they go ashore.

For many Marines, that's tantamount to traveling naked. "They didn't even want us to have protection like helmets and body armor, let alone weapons, because it might look threatening," said Foley, of Erie, Pa. "That's crazy."

His concern isn't unfounded. Though the nearly 2,000 Marines on this ship and another nearer by have only just begun to trickle ashore, and are generally returning to the ship each night, the area in which they are operating presents some significant security threats.

Rebels have long been active in this region, so much so that the Indonesian government had largely restricted it from foreigners.

Though a lull followed the Dec. 26 disaster, firefighters near the provincial capital of Banda Aceh have been reported recently.

"We are concerned," said Col. Tom Greenwood, commanding officer of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which was diverted from duty in Iraq to join in the humanitarian operation. "The Indonesian government is taking it very seriously."

But Indonesian officials also have been reluctant to let the Marines come ashore with their weapons because of the image that might project.

"We are very concerned about force protection," Greenwood said. "But if you go in there and look like an invading force instead of a humanitarian force, that could be just as detrimental as having no weapons whatsoever. So you have to balance it."

In the devastated city of Meulaboh, where the Marines are expected to do much of their work and unload the bulk of their relief supplies, heavily armed Indonesian soldiers provide security.

In an exception to the no-weapon orders, Marine helicopter pilots have been allowed to carry their standard protection.

Marines also have been careful to maintain close communications with their ships.

Occasionally stressed, however, that security was in the Indonesians' hands.

"We have full confidence in their ability to provide adequate force protection," said Gunnery Sgt. Robert Knoll, a spokesman for the Marines.

# Engineering South Asia's cleanup

## Multi-branch effort helping to rebuild infrastructure

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN  
Stars and Stripes

UTAPAO, Thailand — While providing relief to those in need after the tsunami that struck South Asia on Dec. 26 is critical, so too is creating better access to remote areas and beginning to clean up.

Various engineer units are helping to improve land access to hard-to-reach areas and to clear debris. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Navy Seabees, a Marine engineer battalion, Air Force airfield pavement experts, even a U.S. Coast Guard environmental strike team, have joined forces in the massive effort.

The Combined Support Force 536 engineer team's main goal, said Lt. Joe Pope, a U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer, "is to develop a plan to help facilitate the flow of supplies to those who need it. We're not here to rebuild nations and we're not looking to do any major reconstruction with U.S. military forces. We're here to help these countries back to the point where they can help themselves."

So Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 is headed to Indonesia and NMCCB 7 will be helping in Sri Lanka, as will the Marine Corps' 9th Engineer Support Battalion. On Sunday, the 9th ESB began two

cleanup projects in Sri Lanka, removing 150 cubic yards of debris.

The engineer battalions brought their typical equipment, such as bulldozers, backhoes and dump trucks. Tom Brady, plans and operations engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Command, said technical engineers are on hand, as are the expeditionary construction units. All 35,000 USACE staffers are on call to lend their expertise via communication back to the States, he said. Brady said the engineering team's job is to "make sure nothing obstructs operations" and ensure the right type of engineers are in the right place. They're here, he

said, to help with immediate distribution needs.

While operations are getting started in some areas, other regions still are being assessed. Pope said a USACE survey team hopes to arrive in Indonesia soon.

It probably would be based on the USS Abraham Lincoln, he said, and flown into Meulaboh, Indonesia, to survey the area and devise an assessment to allow for any needed quick repairs.

Another survey team is helping the Thai government in the Phuket region.

Pope said the engineering teams undertake such missions only when asked to do so by the host-na-

tion government. Once asked to make an assessment, he said, they "look at a small chunk at a time," then draft requirements.

In Indonesia, Pope said, as many as 30 to 40 bridges might be out along the only road running down Sumatra's west coast and much of the road also is washed away. To help get supplies to remote areas, the engineers may find themselves clearing and repairing roads and repairing bridges.

With the USNS John McDonnell heading to the region, Pope said, hydrographic surveys can be done if Indonesia's government requests them. The Navy's Underwater Construction Team 2 also is on its way and could be put to work on underwater repairs, he said. Another 270 Seabees now on Okinawa are on "ready standby" should Indonesia's government request a larger engineer force, Pope added.

While clearing the widespread devastation and improving roads may seem overwhelming, he said, engineers live for such challenges.

"This is what Seabees do," Pope said. "If we've got to be away from home on a deployment, this is the kind of work we want to do."

"It's all for the common good ... we're just here to help countries get back on their feet."

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Much of the infrastructure in areas affected by the Dec. 26 tsunami has been decimated, such as this bridge in Puttivil, in eastern Sri Lanka.

## Combining forces to feed tsunami victims



U.S. military Mules, Ready to Eat are loaded onto a Japanese Air Self-Defense Force C-130 on the Royal Thai Air Base, Utaapao, on Monday. The plane and its crew took the MREs and a pallet of rice to Medan, Indonesia, then made a stop in Banda Aceh before returning to Utaapao. Fifty Japanese troops are on the ground in Thailand: 40 with the JASDF, and another 10 servicemen from all branches who are assigned to the Japan Joint Coordination Center.

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# Survivor picked up after 15 days at sea

The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — A tsunami survivor rescued after 15 days adrift in the Indian Ocean recounted Tuesday how he lived on coconuts that floated by, tearing them open with his teeth.

Indonesia, meanwhile, said it hoped to ease the bottleneck of aid flights by opening a second airport north of Sumatra island.

Also Tuesday, Indonesia's military chief extended a new force-offer to rebels in Aceh province, the region hit hardest by the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 150,000 people across South Asia.

Rebels in the area welcomed the propos-

al made by Gen. Endriartono Sutanto during a news conference in Banda Aceh.

"We have to work together to help Aceh," Sutanto said.

The 21-year-old survivor, Ari Afrizal, was picked up Sunday by a container ship after being swept out to sea by the tsunami from a beachfront construction site in Aceh. He is the third Indonesian to be rescued and brought to Malaysia.

"The earthquake lasted about 15 minutes," Ari said after the ship docked at Port Klang near the capital of Kuala Lumpur. "Then the waves came, big, big waves that slammed down hard on us."

Ari, who appeared fit despite the ordeal, said he saw four of his friends grab pieces

of debris or uprooted trees, "but we drifted away from each other as the waves rolled us out further into the sea."

For a while, he lay on a 5-foot-long plank, weak and exhausted.

"My throat was burning. The sun was hot. I had cuts all over my body. The salt water was stinging. I couldn't even find my voice to call out to other survivors. Eventually they all drifted away and I was all alone," he said in an interview with The Associated Press from his hospital bed.

"I prayed and prayed. I told God I don't want to die... I worried about my elderly parents and asked for a chance to take care of them. As if my prayers were answered, a broken (boat) floated toward me a few days later."

He ended up finding a listing boat, which he stayed on for five days before spotting a large unmaneuvered raft with a hut on it. He swam up to it and found a gallon bottle of water aboard.

On the 15th day, Ari said he awoke and saw the container ship bearing down on him. He attracted its attention by waving his shirt, whistling and shouting in Malay "Tolong! Tolong!" — "Help! Help!"

The captain of the Al Yamamah, John Kennedy of New Zealand, said he was surprised to see "a frail-looking man" emerge from the hut of the raft.

Associated Press reporters Chris Brummitt, Edward Harris and Yoon Eun-ju in Indonesia, Dilip Ganguly in Sri Lanka and Andy Wong in Malaysia contributed to this report.

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A Super Stallion helicopter at Banda Aceh airport in Indonesia lifts the wreckage of a U.S. Navy SH-60 Seahawk helicopter for the trip back to the USS Abraham Lincoln. The Seahawk, involved in U.S. relief operations there, crashed in a rice paddy Monday, injuring two crew members.

## Crashed helicopter flown back to Lincoln

The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — The U.S. Navy on Tuesday lifted one of its Seahawk helicopters from the rice paddy where it crashed in Indonesia's tsunami-stricken Aceh province, a day after possible mechanical failure caused the chopper to go down during a relief mission.

The Seahawk spilled water from its side as the U.S. military used an H-53 Super Stallion helicopter to pick up the aircraft and move it to a nearby airstrip before a final trip back to the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier.

The crash injured two of the 10 sailors on board — one had a fractured ankle and the other a dislocated hip — and they were expected to fully recover, said Lt. Cmdr. John Bernard, a U.S. military spokesman.

The military has yet to say exactly what caused the accident, about yards from the airport in Banda Aceh, the main city on Indonesia's tsunami-battered Sumatra island.

U.S. officials on Monday said possible mechanical failure might have caused the crash while the Seahawk was ferrying personnel between the aircraft carrier and the airport.

# Clinton teams with U.N. to help tsunami victims

## Aim to provide clean water and sanitation to hit areas

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Former President Clinton launched a \$45 million appeal with the U.N. children's agency Monday to provide clean water and sanitation to victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami. He said he expected the United States in the long run to contribute billions of dollars to rebuild the devastated areas.

Clinton and former President George H.W. Bush were appointed by President Bush to increase private donations after the Dec. 26 earthquake off Indonesia triggered deadly waves that swept across southeast Asia to Africa — and Clinton said more than one-third of a billion dollars already has been donated to charities.

But he said he also tried to determine whether there was "an area of critical need" where there was not enough money to meet the immediate and longer-term needs of the millions of people affected by the tsunami, especially children.

"Our inquiries determined that in the weeks and months ahead more resources will be needed to provide clean water and adequate sanitation both for survival and for the prevention of disease," Clinton said. "The initial inquiry that we made ... was that we ought to try to raise another \$45 million for this purpose alone."

The new fund is a joint project of the Clinton Foundation and the United Nations Children's Fund, and Clinton said he and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., made the first contribution, which was not disclosed.

The money raised will be used by UNICEF, working with other relief organizations, "to make sure that we do everything we can to save people alive and to prevent the spread of disease," Clinton said.

"Diseases such as dysentery and diarrhea accompany absence of clean water — the presence of polluted water — and they disproportionately impact children," he said.

UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy told a news conference that at least one-third of the more than 150,000 people killed in the tsunami are believed to have been children, and more than 1 million children are homeless.

"Providing safe water and clean sanitation is the foundation for keeping children alive, keeping them healthy, providing for their future," Bellamy said.



UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy and former President Bill Clinton talk Monday in New York about a joint effort of UNICEF and the Clinton Foundation to launch the Tsunami Water and Sanitation Fund to aid victims of the South Asia disaster.

"It will not be easy. Water systems have been destroyed. They've been polluted. They've been clogged, or they've been spoiled with sea water. Re-establishing safe sources of water and decent sanitation is essential for the recovery of the communities involved."

Clinton praised the outpouring of support for the tsunami victims and expressed hope that the \$45 million would be raised quickly.

He said millions of people around the world have offered help for the victims in what he called a "revolution in small-donor giving." He expressed hope that these new donors might help millions of others who live without clean water, sanitation and schools escape from poverty and disease.

The United States has pledged \$350 million in aid to the tsunami victims. Nations worldwide have pledged more than \$4 billion.

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# Sharon, Abbas talk for 1st time since election

BY R. PLUSHNICK-MASTI

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday to congratulate him for winning the Palestinian presidential elections, the latest sign that the two sides are eager to restart peace efforts after years of stalemate.

Since Abbas' landslide victory

on Sunday, Israel and the Palestinians have signaled their readiness to return to the negotiating table. The election, along with the formation of a new Israeli government that includes the dovish Labor Party, have raised hopes around the world that talks might soon resume.

Tuesday's phone call, confirmed by Israeli and Palestinian officials, was the first direct con-

tact between the two leaders since the election.

Sharon "congratulated him on his personal achievement and his victory in the elections and wished him luck," said a statement issued by the prime minister's office. "They agreed they would continue talking in the near future."

Earlier Tuesday, Sharon told his new Cabinet that he hoped to meet Abbas in the "near future." He

told the ministers the meeting would focus on security issues, especially efforts to "halt terrorism," according to participants.

Abbas is widely considered more moderate than his predecessor, Yasser Arafat, who died on Nov. 11, 2004, in a French hospital. Israel refused to negotiate with Arafat, accusing him of encouraging violence during the past four years of fighting between the two sides.

The last meeting between Israeli and Palestinian premiers was in August 2003, when Sharon met Abbas during his brief term as Palestinian prime minister.

Fresh from his victory, Abbas expressed hope late Monday that

the sides will be able to return to the negotiating table.

"We extend our hands to our neighbors," Abbas said. "We are ready for peace, peace based on justice. We hope that their response will be positive."

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said plans for the meeting were still in an early stage.

World reaction to the election of Abbas has been positive.

In Washington, President Bush congratulated Abbas and named the new Palestinian leader to the White House — an offer never extended to Arafat.



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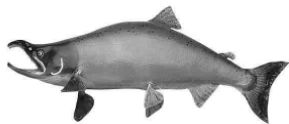
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## Report: World's big cities at risk of major losses

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Tokyo, San Francisco and Los Angeles lead a world list of urban areas that could suffer catastrophic losses in lives and property from earthquakes, flooding, tsunamis or terrorism, the world's largest reinsurance company said in a report Tuesday.

Munich Re urged governments and urban planners to take disaster risks more fully into account when approving sites for development, and to take preventive measures.

Stefan Heyd, the company's head of corporate underwriting, said such "megacities" brought a new dimension of risk to the insurance business. "Megacities are exposed to all the classic risks, but their exposure and vulnerability are disproportionate," Heyd said in a statement accompanying the report.

Munich Re gave Tokyo the top rating on its list of vulnerable

megacities, saying it combined huge population with vulnerability to volcanic eruption, earthquakes, tropical storms, tsunamis and flooding. With a risk index of 710, Tokyo was far ahead of No. 2, the San Francisco Bay area, which rated 167, mainly due to Tokyo's high risk of multiple disasters, its huge population and roughly 40 percent share of the country's economy.

Los Angeles rated 100. The U.S. cities were rated riskier than more heavily populated areas such as Mexico City — also at high risk of earthquakes — because the amount of economic loss was judged to be potentially greater.

The study was prepared for a U.N. conference on disaster reduction Jan. 18-22 in Kobe, Japan — which suffered what the report said was the most expensive natural disaster ever, a 1995 earthquake that took 6,000 lives and caused some \$100 billion in damage.



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## Who says grown-ups can't have fun?



A group of 20-year-olds, all in traditional kimono, ride a roller coaster at Tokyo's Toshimaen amusement park following their Coming of Age ceremony Monday. One-and-a-half-million youths who turn 20 in 2005, the traditional age of adulthood in Japan, celebrated Coming of Age Day across the nation this year.

## Public beer-drinking ban vetoed

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin has vetoed a bill that would ban public beer-drinking, reports said Tuesday — but the move apparently doesn't end efforts to end the widespread practice of street guzzling.

Putin vetoed the bill because it included a ban on beer with less than 0.5 percent alcohol, the Interfax news agency cited parliament member Valery Dragunov as saying.

The Kremlin press office said it could not confirm the report, but the Russian Brewers Union also issued a statement saying the bill had been vetoed.

Public beer-drinking is common in Russia, with pedestrians and subway riders frequently taking a bottle along on their journeys.

The practice has gained increasing attention in recent years as beer sales surged.

## Report: Cell phones, kids don't mix

LONDON — Parents should not give mobile phones to children age 8 or under, the chairman of an official study into the safety of the phones said Tuesday.

Sir William Stewart, chairman of the National Radiological Protection Board, or NRPB, said there was a growing amount of research that showed using mobile phones has health implications and it was therefore wise to adopt a "precautionary approach," particularly with children.

"I don't think we can put our hands on our hearts and say mobile phones are safe," he told a news conference to launch his report.

"When you come to giving mobile phones to a 3- to 8-year-old, that can't possibly be right."

## Spaniard jailed for stealing \$1.09

MADRID, Spain — A Spaniard was sentenced Tuesday to 18 months in prison for stealing the equivalent of a dollar from a pay phone 13 years ago.

The man was convicted of breaking open a phone in a bar in the city of Lleida in northeastern Spain

and stealing 125 pesetas — \$1.09 at the exchange rate then, the news agency Efe reported.

His name was not given.

The trial was delayed repeatedly because the suspect either failed to show up or was in a drug rehabilitation program.

Administrative snags also slowed things down, Efe said.

Besides being sent to jail, the man was ordered to repay the bar owner.

## Uncollected trash threatens epidemic

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Tons of uncollected garbage on the streets of Bulgaria's capital could lead to a disease outbreak, health officials warned on Tuesday.

The streets of Sofia are swamped in garbage as protesters for the fifth consecutive day blocked the road to the only landfill site for the city of 1.3 million.

"If the current situation continues, it may result in the spread of epidemic diseases like hepatitis A, gastroenteritis or salmonella infection," said Dr. Angel Kanchev, head of epidemic control at the Ministry of Health.

Angry residents are barring garbage collectors from reaching the landfill and demanding the municipality immediately close the dump because of the risks of infection.

## Croc swim ruled 'grossly negligent'

DARWIN, Australia — A tour guide who invited foreign tourists to swim in crocodile-infested waters in northern Australia in 2002 acted in a "grossly negligent" manner that led to the death of a German visitor, a coroner's report said Tuesday.

Isabel von Jordan, 23, drowned in October 2002 after being mauled by a 15-foot, 1,100-pound crocodile while swimming with other tourists in Kakadu National Park.

Tour guide Glenn Robless, who told the tourists it was safe to swim, pleaded guilty in 2003 to a charge of making a dangerous omission that caused von Jordan's death. He was given a three-year suspended prison sentence.

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# Allawi: Some areas of Iraq too unsafe for voters

BY NICK WADHAM  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Tuesday that some areas of Iraq will probably be too unsafe to take part in the Jan. 30 elections, his first public acknowledgment that the government would not be able to exert control in key areas controlled by insurgents.

Allawi promised, however, to increase the size of the army in the face of a bloody insurgency, whose latest victims included 13 Iraqis killed by two bombings.

Allawi also spoke by telephone Tuesday with President Bush for about 10 minutes to reaffirm the importance of holding the elections as scheduled, the White House said.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said that in the phone call, the two leaders underscored the importance of going ahead with the election as planned.

"This was a discussion to talk about the ongoing preparations for the upcoming elections," McClellan said. "Both leaders reiterated the importance of moving forward on the date set by the Independent Iraqi Election Commission of Jan. 30."

In a news conference, Allawi said the government had allocated \$2.2 billion to expand the army from 100,000 to 150,000 troops and provide it with new weaponry. Iraq's armed forces are poorly trained and often under-equipped, making them an easy target for insurgents who want to scuttle the elections.

He acknowledged that some areas of Iraq likely would be too unsafe to participate in the landmark balloting for a constitutional assembly. The country's volatile Anbar province west of Baghdad and areas in the north around Mosul have seen little preparation for the vote.

"Hostile forces are trying to hamper this event and to inflict damage and harm on the



In Baghdad, an Iraqi police officer on Tuesday walks past a poster advertising this month's general elections. Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi acknowledged Tuesday that some areas of Iraq likely would be too unsafe to participate in the balloting for a constitutional assembly.

march and the guarantee for the participation of all in the elections," Allawi said. "Certainly, there will be some pockets that will not be able to participate in the elections for these reasons, but we think that it will not [be] widespread."

Allawi is a candidate in the election and has been increasingly visible in recent days. The news conference was his second in as many days, and he stood before several Iraqi flags and signs that read "Security and Safety First."

Meanwhile, violence across Iraq continued. A roadside bomb hit a minibus full of Iraqis in Yussifiyah, 10 miles south of Baghdad, said the director of the town's hospital, Dawoud al-Taie.

Al-Taie said the bomb exploded several minutes after a U.S. convoy passed, but there was no indication the convoy was the intended target.

A suicide car bomber who targeted a police headquarters in Tikrit killed six people, U.S. military spokesman Maj. Neal O'Brien said, and police officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said 12 were wounded.

Two militant groups claimed responsibility for the Tikrit attack. In statements posted on a Web site, the Ansar al-Sunna Army group said it parked a car filled with explosives near the station and then blew it up, while al-Qaida in Iraq, led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said one of its members carried the "martyrdom attack."

Both statements could not be independently

verified but such contradicting statements are rare. The Web sites where the statements appeared frequently air such claims of responsibility.

The last two days have seen a new surge of insurgent attacks in the weeks before the balloting, with four roadside bombings and suicide strikes on Iraqi and American forces Monday.

While Shiites are expected to vote in large numbers, Sunni Arabs, who make up about 20 percent of Iraq's estimated 26 million people, say it is far too dangerous to hold the election this month, and many are refusing to participate. Failure by the Sunni Arabs to participate would undermine the election's credibility.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said his government will meet Sunday with parties planning to boycott the election to try to persuade them to participate.

In an interview in Cairo, Egypt, Zebari said the Iraqi Committee for Peace and Solidarity, a nongovernmental organization, will host a Jan. 16 conference on reconciliation between the government and its opponents in Baghdad.

Zebari identified one of the boycott groups invited to the meeting as the Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential body of Sunni clerics.

The association modified its position on the elections this week, saying it was prepared to participate if the United States and the Iraqi government spelled out a timetable for withdrawing foreign troops from Iraq. The United States rejected the proposal.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, at least 1,355 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,065 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Monday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,217 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 956 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A roadside bomb destroyed an armored vehicle Monday in southwest Baghdad, killing two U.S. soldiers.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

■ Army Spc. Dwayne J. McFarland Jr., 20, Cass Lake, Minn.; died Sunday in Baghdad, when his patrol was hit by an explosive, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

■ Marine Cpl. Joseph E. Fite, 23, Round Rock, Texas; killed Sunday in Anbar province; assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Austin, Texas.

# Moussaoui takes his pretrial appeal to Supreme Court

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for Zacarias Moussaoui petitioned the Supreme Court on Monday, challenging the government's right to put the terrorism suspect on trial while the defense had no access to potentially favorable al-Qaida witnesses.

The written brief questioned whether Moussaoui's constitutional rights would be violated if the defense was forced to rely on government-prepared summaries of interrogation statements from three al-Qaida captives.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., has approved use of the summaries after

the government argued that more direct access to al-Qaida leaders — or even their statements — would jeopardize national security.

The lawyers said it was unconstitutional to force Moussaoui to rely on "summaries of classified documents" containing information from unnamed, unsworn government agents purporting to report unsworn, incomplete, non-verbatim accounts of statements.

Moussaoui, a French citizen, was indicted in December 2001, and remains the only U.S. defendant charged in an al-Qaida conspiracy that includes the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The defendant has acknowledged his loyalty to Osama bin Laden but denies he



Zacarias Moussaoui

was to have any role in the 2001 air-plane hijackings.

The lawyers appealed a 4th Circuit ruling that would allow Moussaoui access to the summaries but still refuse direct access to the al-Qaida witnesses.

## Witness: CIA and SEALs beat Baghdad detainees

BY SETH HETTENA

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A former Navy SEAL says he saw fellow SEALs and CIA officials kick, choke and eye-gouge detainees at a U.S. military base in Iraq.

The former SEAL testified at a military hearing Monday that he saw "interrogation by means of abuse" take place at Camp Jenny Holm, the SEAL base at Baghdad International Airport. He said a prisoner under interrogation by the CIA was abused in October 2003 by two or three SEALs. On another occasion a month later, the witness said he watched as SEALs punched, choked and poked dead fingers in the eye of Iraqi militant al-Jamadi, who also was punched by a CIA official when he didn't answer questions.

Al-Jamadi, a suspect in the bombing of a Red Cross facility in Iraq, died a few hours after he was captured during a joint CIA-Special operations mission in November 2003.

He died while being interrogated by CIA personnel in the shower room of the Abu Ghraib prison.

The former SEAL, who was not identified, was the government's main witness at Monday's Article 32 hearing.

The hearing, the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury, was for a Navy SEAL lieutenant who is accused of assault, maltreatment and conduct unbecoming an officer for his handling of detainees, including al-Jamadi.

A Navy officer hearing the evidence will make a recommendation whether the lieutenant, who was not identified, should face a court-martial.

# Inmate gives testimony in Abu Ghraib trial

BY T.A. BADGER  
The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — A Syrian inmate at Abu Ghraib said Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr. was the Baghdad prison's primary torturer who laughed while physically abusing him and threatened to kill him more than once.

Amin al-Sheikh, testifying via videotaped deposition shown in court Tuesday, said Graner also made him eat pork and drink alcohol, in violation of his Muslim faith, and that he listened through his cell wall while Graner and other Americans forced a Yemeni prisoner to eat from a toilet.

## Prosecution alleges Spc. Graner was ringleader of prison scandal

Graner is the first soldier accused in the Abu Ghraib scandal to go on trial, and prosecutors allege he was the ringleader of the abuse. Three guards from the 372nd Military Police Company have pleaded guilty to abusing detainees.

Asked if Graner appeared to enjoy hurting him, al-Sheikh said through an interpreter: "He was laughing. ... He laughed. He was whistling. He was singing."

Graner, a reservist, is charged with conspiracy to maltreat detain-

ees, two counts of assault, dereliction of duty and committing indecent acts. He faces up to 1½ years in a military prison if the jury of four Army officers and six enlisted men convict him on all counts. Testimony began Monday.

Al-Sheikh said he went to Iraq in 2003 to fight U.S.-led forces, and he was taken to Abu Ghraib after being captured with AK-47 assault rifles, grenades and bomb-making material.

While being kept at a tent camp

next to Abu Ghraib, al-Sheikh said, he was wounded in the leg and chest in a shootout with Americans after he obtained a handgun from an Iraqi guard because he feared for his life.

He said Graner, whom he described as the "primary torturer," jumped on his injured leg and struck it with a collapsible stick. That is the basis for one of the assault charges. On another occasion, he said, Graner handcuffed him to his cell door with his arms behind his back for eight hours.

Under defense questioning, al-Sheikh said Graner at times worked with Americans who were interrogating him at Abu Ghraib.

The defense maintains that Graner and other soldiers were ordered by military and civilian intelligence officers to soften up detainees for questioning, and that they had no choice but to obey. Al-Sheikh said interrogators known as "Steve" and "Mike" made it clear that he would be roughed up by Graner if he did not cooperate.



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## IN THE STATES

## 3 killed in shooting

JACKSON, Tenn. — A person opened fire Tuesday at a Tennessee Department of Transportation garage, killing three people and wounding two others, authorities said.

Jackson-Madison County General Hospital spokeswoman Judy Plumb said two people died at the hospital and one died at the scene.

Another person was in a serious condition at the hospital, and the fifth was in stable condition, she said.

Police Lt. Sammy Britt said a suspect was arrested after the shooting at about 11:30 a.m.

"The shooter was arrested a short time later, within minutes of that location," Britt said.

He declined to release other details about the suspect or the motive for the attack.

## Guilty plea in threats

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A man pleaded guilty Monday in federal court to threatening to kill President Bush.

Darrel D. Alford, 56, admitted he threatened on Aug. 4 to fly a bomb-laden model airplane into an arena or stadium where Bush would be speaking. He faces up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$250,000.

It was not clear when or where Alford planned to harm Bush, and he never tried to carry out his plan, said Don Ledford, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

Bush spoke July 30 at an outdoor rally at Hannons Field in Springfield, about 30 miles south of Alford's home in southwest Missouri. Sentencing will be scheduled later, Ledford said.

## Stewart ban lifted

GULFPORT, Miss. — A library board in southern Mississippi has lifted its ban of Jon Stewart's best-selling "America (The Book)" after local residents spoke up in support of it. The Jackson-Greene Regional Library System board of trustees had voted last month to ban the book in eight public libraries because they objected to an image of the faces of the U.S. Supreme Court justices superimposed on nine naked bodies.

They rescinded the ban Monday on a 5-2 vote.

Library system director Robert Willis said Tuesday that Stewart never called to complain but there were many e-mails and calls about the board's decision to take the book off the shelves.

"The one thing that shocked us was the meanness ... we got some absolutely nasty e-mails and telephone calls that you would not believe," Willis said.

He said majority of them came from out of state and accused the library system of perpetuating a negative image of Mississippi.

From The Associated Press

## Bush taps judge for security post

BY JOHN SOLOMON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Tuesday chose federal appeals court judge Michael Chertoff to be his new Homeland Security chief, turning to a former federal prosecutor who helped craft the early war on terror strategy.

"Mike has shown a deep commitment to the cause of justice and an unwavering determination to protect the American people," Bush said. "Mike has also been a key leader in the war on terror."

Chertoff headed the Justice Department's criminal division from 2001 to 2003, where he played a central role in the nation's legal response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, before the president named him to the appeals court position in New Jersey.

Chertoff, a federal appellate judge with the 3rd U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, would replace Tom Ridge, the depart-

ment's first chief. "He leaves some very deep shoes to fill," Chertoff said.

"I don't pretend to know him well, I know him by reputation," Ridge said of Chertoff. "He's got great intellect, great energy. He has been an extremely successful lawyer both in the public private and sector."

Chertoff, who rounds out Bush's second-term Cabinet, is actually the president's second pick for the job. Former New York City police chief Bernard Kerik withdrew as nominee last month, citing immigration problems with a family housekeeper.

Bush said that Chertoff has "been confirmed by the Senate three times," signaling that he

should have no problem surmounting the advise and consent process.

Chertoff, whose appeal court nomination sailed through Congress, won immediate support on Capitol Hill, where even Democrats applauded the choice.

"Judge Mike Chertoff has the resume to be an excellent Homeland Security Secretary, given his law enforcement background and understanding of New York's and America's neglected homeland security needs," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Chertoff and his wife, Meryl, each donated \$1,000 to Bush's first presidential campaign.

Chertoff, whose resume includes stints as a federal prosecutor in New Jersey and the Senate Republicans' chief counsel for the Clinton-era Whitewater investigation, was one of the administration's key figures in the war on terror.

He took the lead in 2003 in successfully arguing the government's case in a potentially precedent-setting appeal involving terrorism suspect Zacarias Mous-

sauot, the lone man charged as a conspirator in the Sept. 11 attacks and playing a significant role in development of the U.S. Patriot Act to combat terrorist attacks.

As the U.S. attorney for New Jersey from 1990 to 1994 — named by Bush's father — Chertoff oversaw high-profile prosecutions of Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann, New York chief judge Sol Wachtler and the kidnappers and killers of Exxon executive Sidney Reso.

Chertoff personally handled the stock fraud trial of Eddie Antar, founder of the failed Crazy Eddie discount electronics chain. He entered private practice in 1994 but stayed in the public spotlight.

As chief Republican counsel to the Senate Whitewater Committee during the administration of President Clinton, Chertoff played a major role in the investigation of the Clintons' Arkansas business dealings; the suicide of Vincent Foster, a Clinton aide and former law partner of Hillary Clinton; and other allegations against the Clintons.

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A victim of a mudslide is rescued Monday in La Conchita, Calif. A huge mudslide crashed down on homes in the coastal hamlet with terrifying force Monday, killing at least 19 people as a Pacific storm hammered Southern California for a fourth straight day.

## At scene of mudslide, 'it was like the hillside turned to liquid'

LA CONCHITA, Calif. — First came the sickening crack of splintering earth, then a sudden roar as cascading dirt and vegetation swamped home after home.

Alerted by screams and howling horns, some in this sliver of a town found themselves racing the fast-moving flow.

"It was like the hillside turned to liquid.

It all came down," Ventura County Fire Department spokesman Joe Luna said.

A fourth body was located late Tuesday morning, said fire Capt. Conrad Quintana.

Forty-one other people were injured and 20 to 27 were missing after Monday's slide, triggered by the latest in a wave of powerful storms that have saturated Southern California terrain.

Such a disaster had long ago been predicted for the community tucked between Highway 101 and a towering coastal bluff. Years

ago, the cliff was found to be creeping toward the Pacific Ocean, and dozens moved out after a 1995 slide destroyed nine homes.

Dozens of firefighters armed with shovels, listening devices and other tools searched the mounds of debris Tuesday but had not found any more survivors or bodies by midmorning. "We were digging and searching, digging and searching all night," said Ralph Arriola, 56, of the Los Angeles

County Fire Department's urban search and rescue team. "I didn't find anyone."

Rescue crews called for quiet whenever they played sensitive equipment on the muck to listen for signs of life, and scanned the area with infrared sensors that can detect body heat. Fire officials, told that children were among the missing, advised searchers to "look for small hands and small fingers," Luna said.

— The Associated Press

# Record rain pouring misery throughout Southern Calif.

BY CHRIS T. NGUYEN

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Scattered rain showers lashed waterlogged Southern California again Tuesday, hampering efforts to find survivors buried by a mudslide in a coastal community and prompting hundreds to flee a mountain town below a rain-swollen reservoir and along rising streams.

The succession of storms that have brought heavy snow to the mountains of Northern California and astonishing amounts of rain in the south was blamed for the deaths of at least 19 people.

The National Weather Service said Tuesday that downtown Los Angeles had recorded its wettest 15 consecutive days on record, with a total of 17 inches of rain falling in the period ending Monday.

The storm was forecast to taper off late Tuesday or early Wednesday and no new system is expected through the coming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. More snow fell in the Sierra Nevada, but the mountains were expected to get a break in the weather this weekend with rising temperatures.

In La Conchita, a small community on a spit of land between the hills south of Santa Barbara and

## Bright side of clouds: Drought relief

DENVER — Storms that have wreaked havoc from California to Colorado could mean relief for areas of the West that have suffered through five years of crippling drought.

"Since October, significant snowpack has been piling up from the Sierras to the southern and central Rockies," Douglas LeComte, drought specialist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said in a statement Monday.

The snowpack water content is more than 150 percent of normal across much of the Southwest, from southern and central California into Nevada, Utah and western Arizona, LeComte said. He said more snow could help bring "significant" water flow to those parts of the West.

— The Associated Press

the Pacific Ocean, a massive mudslide Monday killed four people, injured 14 and left up to 27 missing.

Some of the missing may have been out of town, but firefighters were certain at least some were trapped in the 15 homes that were crushed under a pile of mud 30 feet high, said Keith Mashburn, the Ventura County Fire Department's chief investigator.

Rescuers using hand tools recovered several bodies Tuesday but break Tuesday when they detected what appeared to be slight movement in the mud and debris. Fire officials advised them to "look for small hands and small fingers" because three children

were among the missing, said department spokesman Joe Luna. Last week's heavy rain and snow also produced flooding along the Ohio River that has affected communities in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, covering riverside roads and forcing some residents to evacuate.

One person died Monday in Ohio when he drove into high water in Ohio. The storm also knocked out power in some areas and authorities believe carbon monoxide poisoning killed five people using generators for electricity in Ohio and two in Pennsylvania.

Associated Press writers Laura Wiles, Gillian Flaccio and Jeff Wilt contributed to this story.

## Perchlorate debate

WASHINGTON — The debate about perchlorate contamination in drinking water is getting heated as environmentalists object to a report claiming the widespread toxin is less dangerous than was thought.

A National Academy of Sciences panel said Monday that perchlorate, a toxic chemical used in rocket fuel and explosives, is safe for consumption at levels 20 times the standard being considered by the Environmental Protection Agency.

## Botulism shipments

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A federal judge ordered an Arizona company to stop distributing raw botulism bacteria in place of the wrinkle treatment Botox and to recall any of roughly 3,000 vials that may still be in circulation.

The potent bacteria came from the same California supplier whose product is blamed for paralyzing four people injected at a Florida clinic.

From The Associated Press

# Supreme Court hears CIA spy contract case

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secret spy deals should never be litigated out court because of the danger to national security, the Supreme Court was told Tuesday, as it heard arguments in a case involving former Cold War spies who say the CIA backed out of a pledge of lifetime support.

The Supreme Court is considering whether the former Eastern bloc diplomat and his wife may sue the CIA for allegedly breaking a promise to provide them financial security for life.

"There's something inherent about an espionage relationship that you understand you have no protected status under the law," said acting Solicitor General Paul Clement. But David Burman, who represents the couple, said the executive branch should not have the power to renege on spy

## Justices to weigh whether ex-agents can sue agency for allegedly breaking income deal

contracts without some judicial review. "This is not about the protection of state secrets, but about the limits of executive power," he said.

Several justices appeared hesitant to have federal courts renege spy deals, noting that not only spies but CIA officials accept that they might be backstabbed when making secret deals.

At issue is whether a 130-year-old Supreme Court ruling automatically bars federal courts from hearing lawsuits over alleged spy contracts, which the CIA says are secret deals that may never be acknowledged.

The administration of President Bush argues that since the CIA was created in 1947, courts have dismissed spy lawsuits out-

right on the grounds that any disclosure could threaten security and undermine CIA recruitment efforts.

The couple, who are identified by the aliases John and Jane Doe, counter that the executive branch should not have the power to renege on spy contracts without some judicial review. Sensitive information could be kept secret by sealing records or other methods, they say.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, ruling the couple had a right to obtain documents and other information from the CIA to build a trial case. It said recent rulings have allowed litigation to proceed in cases involving questions of national security if the government doesn't show a clear risk.

The case involves a former high-ranking diplomat and his wife who wanted to defect from their Eastern bloc country but were pressured by U.S. authorities to instead spy for the United States, according to the lawsuit.

In exchange, the CIA promised to help them later defect as well as provide lifetime security. When their spying was over in 1987, the CIA helped them resettle in Seattle with new identities, benefits and a bank job for the husband, the suit says. They initially received a \$27,000 yearly stipend and became U.S. citizens.

The CIA stopped the subsidy when John Doe's salary from the bank hit \$27,000, but the two were promised the agency would "always be there." However, the couple claims when Doe quit his job in 1997, the CIA refused to reinstate the stipend, saying the couple had received enough pay for their spy services.

## FACES



# Fans grill Ludacris

Rapper asked about women, singing, and ruling the world

BY RAIYAH MAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ludacris has been interviewed so many times, it's ludicrous.

So with his fourth album, "Red Light District," debuting at No. 1 on the Billboard chart this week, we decided to ask some around-the-way folks what they want to know about the superstar rapper with the quicksilver tongue.

**Q:** What's up, Luda. Sunny, a radio DJ on Hot 97 in New York City, had the following question: We've seen various artists begin as rappers, then later in their career switch to singing, like Andre 3000 and Queen Latifah. Are you next?

**A:** I like to call it "ghetto harmonizing." On the new album, there's a song called, "Blue Berry Yum Yum." But it's nothing in the realm of any of those people just named that are singing on their albums. It's almost like I'm rapping and singing at the same time. I don't even know how to explain it. It's weird.

**Q:** There was a time in hip-hop when singing was considered weak. When did it become OK for MCs to sing?

**A:** When they've already proven they can rap ... like Andre 3000. He's the perfect example. He rapped for five or six straight albums. So when you try to reinvent yourself and be creative and go to that next album, you can't blame him for [singing] because what more can you rap about. So taking it a step further, trying to harmonize or even sing, and people like it. He's captured a whole new audience. So I think it's cool. As long as you stay true to yourself.

**Q:** Have you ever serenaded a girl with a song?

**A:** I really can't say that I have. But maybe soon to come, who knows. Instead of serenading with singing, I'd probably rap to a girl. My first song was, "I'm cool I'm bad I might be ten / But I can't survive without my girlfriend." I've done some romantic things in my time. I hired someone to put rose petals at [a girl's] feet for a day on her birthday.

**Q:** Wow! That's nice. Well, since we're talking about women, 29-year-old Courtney Patterson from Baltimore wants to know if you'd date a girl who had pimples and other physical imperfections, but a really big butt.

**A:** I have. I try not to judge. I let God judge. But I definitely love girls with beautiful feet. I have a foot fetish.

Messed up foot, man — sometimes she can trick me and just wear boots and not even show her feet. But when I see the feet, it's a wrap.

**Q:** I know the ladies love Ludacris. Even girls like 29-year-old Evelyn Leduc from New York, who wants to know the chances of a skinny white girl like her with small breasts and no butt getting into one of your videos?

**A:** It's extremely possible. There have been some. She just probably didn't see them. But I don't discriminate and I do make a conscious effort to pick some of the girls that are in my videos. It's just about the concept of the song and

how I think they will fit into the whole realm of what's going on. My next video, I'm going to have a lot of overweight beautiful women in it.

**Q:** Kevin Kyns, a 24-year-old from the Bronx, wants to get a bunch of skinny, no-butt-and-breasts white girls in the video.

**Q:** That would be an interesting way to create diversity and address the obesity problem in America. Would you run for public office?

**A:** I can't see myself doing that right now. But I would never say never. I look at myself as a leader, so obviously I would do that. Try to make some changes.

**Q:** Kevin Kyns, a 24-year-old from the Bronx, wants to deal with the Ave magazine, insurance issues for senior citizens. I would deal with the AIDS issue. I would just try to change what we feel is wrong today. There's no limit to that.

**A:** The first thing I'd do is get Bush out of the presidency and bring Bill Clinton back. Besides that, I would deal with the debt. I would pay off the deficit. And of course I would deal with a lot of homeless issues, insurance issues for senior citizens. I would deal with the AIDS issue. I would just try to change what we feel is wrong today. There's no limit to that.

**Q:** Zayda Rivera, a 24-year-old writer and assistant editor with The Ave magazine, wants to know how your trip to Africa changed your perspective on life in the United States.

**A:** It just makes me really value everything that I have because there are a lot of unfortunate people out there — way more than people here. So it makes me value life a lot more.

**Q:** What's the most memorable thing you saw in Africa?

**A:** The projects compared to ours. It looked like a damn tent set up in the middle of a dirt road no bigger than my arm's reach. Thousands of them, in Soweto. I was there for a week last year December. They were singing "Stand Up." It was amazing enough that I went to a whole other continent, 16 hours away, and they're singing my song. Crazy.

**Q:** Zayda also wants to know if this trip helped motivate your work with the Ludacris Foundation?

**A:** The motivation comes from how you feel good when you do good. It's that feeling and knowing that what you do is the right thing. Like when somebody gave you something when you were a kid, and how good you feel that. Knowing that I can do that and make people feel that way, that's the motivation.

**Q:** It's good to feel like a kid every now and then. One 14-year-old kid from Brooklyn named Malik Turner wants to know what you're working on next.

**A:** After this album is the fifth album. I'll probably be called "Release Therapy" because it'll be my last album in my deal. Two movies coming up, one John Singleton produced called "Hustle and Flow," a southern hood classic about a pimp trying to get into the music game. It sounds crazy, but it's gonna be a classic film. And there's a movie called "Crash" I did with Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Loretta Devine and Don Cheadle.

## Will Smith drops hotel project

The Fresh Prince has given up on plans to develop a hotel in his hometown.

Philadelphia-born actor and rapper Will Smith had won preliminary city approval several years ago to build a hotel and retail complex on a derelict property in the city's centuries-old Society Hill section.

The luxury hotel would have had views of the Delaware River and been within walking distance of tourist attractions like South Street and Independence Hall. The city had pledged \$9 million in tax incentives to help the development take place.

But the project stalled in recent years as the hotel market softened, and Smith and his brother have now sold the vacant lot where the complex was to have been built. The sale price was \$10.5 million, about three times what the family paid for the parcel five years ago.

The new owners, Sant Properties, have a plan to build condominiums.



Smith

## Pie-tossing comedian gets a star

Comedian Soupy Sales, who once said a pie in the eye was worth it in the skit, saw his proclivity for pie-tossing pay off with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

"I appreciate this from the bottom of my heart and I appreciate you all coming here in the rain," Sales, who was seated in a wheelchair, said Friday.

The rain forced the ceremony to be held inside, with the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, with Hollywood's honorary mayor, Johnny Grant, setting up the 79-year-old comic's classic schtick.

"Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. had pies thrown in their face by Soupy Sales and I want to belong to reach and took a pie in the face."

The star was the city's 2,274th. Celebrities attending included actor Peter Marshall and actress Nancy Allen.

## Producer-director awarded an Eddie

Producer-director James L. Brooks will add an Eddie to his shelf of Oscars and Emmys.

Brooks will receive the ACE Golden Eddie Filmmaker of the Year award on Feb. 20 in Beverly Hills.

The award is one of several handed out by American Cinema Editors.

Brooks is being honored for "his consistent excellence and craftsmanship and his unique ability to capture the human spirit on screens big and small," the group's board of directors said in a statement Friday.

Brooks has produced such movies as "Terms of Endearment," "Jerry Maguire" and the current "Spanglish." He has been executive producer on such hit shows as "Taxi" and "The Simpsons."

## Hong Kong pop star bags 5 trophies

Pop star Andy Lau dominated the annual Hong Kong's Jade Solid Gold music awards, bagging five trophies, including the prize for most popular Hong Kong male singer in Asia.

In one of his acceptance speeches Saturday, Lau offered best wishes for people whose relatives are missing in the recent tsunami disaster, expressing hopes that their loved ones will be found, newspapers reported.

Lau also was named most popular male singer in Hong Kong, while three of his songs won individual honors. "Masseuse" was named one of the year's top 10 songs, while "After All I Have Love," clinched the most popular Chinese song prize.

Lau, one of the Hong Kong pop scene's "Four Heavenly Kings," has kept up his popularity with a steady stream of music and film releases.

In other awards presented Saturday night, Joey Yung was named Hong Kong's most popular female singer. Kelly Chen won the award for most popular Hong Kong female singer in Asia.



Lau

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## What happens in Vegas won't stay there

## Digital future on display as gadget-hounds gather

BY CRAYTON HARRISON

The Dallas Morning News

LAS VEGAS This year's Consumer Electronics Show has had no big-bang product, nothing that stunned attendees with its revolutionary potential, but the show was a reminder that we're entering a world where digital gadgets and media are everywhere.

People are using digital cameras embedded into cell phones, emboldening gadget makers to try other bizarre digital combinations. Television and movies have become so important to consumers that they've gone portable.

The future promises more-ubiquitous electronic devices, constantly connected to the Internet or to other devices. Here's what showgoers were

buzzing about this year:

■ **Photo sharing:** Now that sales of digital cameras outpace those of the film kind, technology companies are trying to find easy ways for users to send photos to each other. "It is amazing how many digital pictures are taken in this world that never go anywhere or do anything," said Mike George, Dell Inc.'s chief marketing officer.

Dell and other computer makers are offering user-friendly photo printers. Eastman Kodak Co. turned heads this year with a camera that wirelessly transmits pictures to a printer. And photo-sharing sites like Flickr.com

Web sites and services are expected to gain more steam.

■ **Video phones:** Even tech companies admit it's unclear how much people want to look at



Left: Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, Stefani, and singer Gwen Stefani demonstrate the HP Harajuku Lovers Camera that Stefani helped design, at the Consumer Electronics Show on Friday in Las Vegas. Far left: Intel Corp.'s Dave Clemons uses a Nikon D2X digital camera to demonstrate the digital imaging power of an undisclosed new Intel computer processor at the show.

AP photos

each other while they talk on the phone. "No one has offered a compelling product yet," said Jeffrey Cline, chief executive of Vonage Holdings Corp., which is planning a videophone service by the end of March. It will be interesting to see what kind of consumer is attracted to the idea, he said.

■ **Little big screens:** While the CES floor was dominated by big-screen TVs, tiny digital projectors displayed some of the biggest images.

Texas Instruments Inc. was showing off a prototype of a 1-pound projector small enough

to fit in a coat pocket, an item that may one day be a must-have for business travelers making presentations.

■ **Broadband wireless:** Samsung Electronics, LG and Motorola all announced phones that operate on a wireless standard called EV-DO that promises some of the fastest Internet connections yet over cellular networks. Verizon Wireless has already upgraded its networks in several cities to offer EV-DO. Cingular Wireless will operate on another high-speed standard, HSDPA, available later this year.

■ **Multiangle TV:** Bill Gates' opening keynote at CES was notable as much for its technical gaffes as for its breakthroughs. But SBC Communications Inc. did a demonstration for Gates' presentation that did elicit gasps of delight from the audience.

The San Antonio-based company showed off its new U-verse television and communications service, which the company will introduce this year as it up-

grades to offer optical lines. When SBC executive Lee Ann Champi-on showed how users could one day switch camera angles on a baseball game or watch several images at once, the crowd burst into applause.

■ **iPod killers:** Apple's music player still rules the roost, but its rivals want to make the next must-have digital device. Sony's PSP portable gaming device, which can also play music and movies, was viewed by many as a candidate. But the ultimate iPod killer could be a cell-phone version of iTunes, the Apple music-organizer software, which Motorola demonstrated at the show.

■ **Shock chic:** More than ever, technology companies are designing products with fashion in mind. During her speech Friday, Hewlett-Packard Co. Chief Executive Carly Fiorina brought singer Gwen Stefani onstage to introduce a "cute" digital camera she designed with the company, available in late spring.

## MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

## INDEXES

INDICES								
52-week	Low	High	Name	Last	Net	%	YTD	52-wk
High	Low	Low				Chg	Chg	Chg
18,658.67	17,916.49	Dow Jones Industrial	18,621.03	+17.81	+16	-1.26	+22.98	
3,623.96	2,743.46	Dow Jones Transportation	1,661.23	+26.45	+73	-3.55	+21.33	
3,517.79	2,598.68	Dow Jones Utilities	327.50	+2.52	+81	-2.36	+22.98	
7,775.18	6,211.33	NYSE Composite	7,881.70	+24.19	+34	-2.32	+82.72	
1,455.94	1,136.74	Amex Index	1,397.96	+4.57	+39	-2.54	+62.71	
2,519.69	1,758.82	Nasdaq Composite	2,697.04	+84.63	+40	-3.69	79	
1,217.80	1,066.72	S&P 500	1,196.25	+4.86	+34	-1.79	+59.59	
666.97	546.29	S&P MidCap	636.36	+1.63	+57	-1.76	+59.59	
665.11	515.99	Russell 2000	617.74	+4.55	+74	-5.19	+56.36	
17,234.54	10,268.52	DJ Wilshire 5000	11,696.83	+47.94	+41	-2.29	+64.44	

## NYSE

Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)			
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NewCorp	64,081	17.13	+32	SPDR	55,024	11.90	+36	Sino	22,717	6.62	+48
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Microsoft	39,036	1.53	+0.01	QCOM	20,600	11.09	+23	AMD	7,742	2.38	+10
Pfizer	19,822	24.44	+1.01	S&P 500	20,877	16.26	+1	Oracle	6,781	2.88	+1
Norfolk	19,019	1.34	+0.01	Johnson	18,040	18.52	+38	Microsoft	6,470	22.88	+8
Alcoa	18,872	15.48	+2.01	SPDR	4,887	22.2	+5	Cisco	4,734	11.19	-14
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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Jan. 32)	102.90
South Korean won (Jan. 11)	1,077.00
Euro costs (Jan. 10)	\$1.3569
Dollar buys (Jan. 10)	+0.737
British pound (Jan. 10)	-5.19
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.277
British pound	\$1.6765
Philippines (Peso)	56.12
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4045
Denmark (Krone)	5.6766
Egypt (Pound)	\$1.3092/0.7030
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.794
Hungary (Forint)	200.30
Iceland (Krona)	61.495
Ireland (Pound)	1.4045
Israel (Shekel)	1.6820
Japan (Yen)	0.9213
Norway (Krone)	2.2775
Philippines (Peso)	56.12
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.6718
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4045
South Korea (Won)	1.0770
Switzerland (Franc)	0.7030
Thailand (Baht)	36.15
U.S. (New Line)	1.4045

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-U.S. currency exchange rates, see purchasing British pounds in Germany, and U.S. dollars in the United Kingdom. Commercial rates are interest rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars to one, and the euro, which is dollars to one.)

Cents and Sensibility  
Money tip of the day

## Look at municipal bonds

BY CHUCK MYERS

Knight Rider/Tribune

Municipal bonds are one way that state and local governments raise money for public-service projects. This type of bond also provides a good opportunity for a bit of tax-free earning for investors.

If you would like to learn more about municipal bonds, here are a few good Web sites with insights about the subject:

■ **Bondsource** ([www.bondsource.com/asp/munifgtxfree.asp](http://www.bondsource.com/asp/munifgtxfree.asp)) discusses how tax-free municipal bonds work.

■ **E-Muni** ([www.emuni.com/glossary.html](http://www.emuni.com/glossary.html)) provides a useful glossary of municipal bond terms, without the jargon.

■ **Soundinvesting.org** ([www.soundinvesting.org/sounds.html](http://www.soundinvesting.org/sounds.html)) covers all types of bonds, with special focus on municipals.

■ **TheStreet.com** ([www.thestreet.com/basics/schoolhouse/](http://www.thestreet.com/basics/schoolhouse/)) includes an article about tax considerations related to municipal bonds.

■ **TurboTax** ([www.turbotax.com/articles/TaxBenefitsOfInvestingInMunicipalBonds.html](http://www.turbotax.com/articles/TaxBenefitsOfInvestingInMunicipalBonds.html)) offers a good overview about municipal bonds, with pros and cons.

## PRECIOUS METALS

Gold	New York Merc	Price
Gold	\$419.10	
Silver	\$6.43	

## INTEREST RATES

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Prime rate .....	5.25
Discount rate .....	3.25
Federal funds market rate .....	2.25
3-month bill .....	2.32
30-year bond .....	4.86

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America



## Background checks

**MA** BOSTON — State regulators are beginning criminal background checks of physicians applying to practice medicine in Massachusetts. It's an effort to protect the public, says Nancy Achin Andros, the executive director of the State Board of Registration in Medicine. Doctors already must disclose criminal histories on license applications, but some hide their convictions. Massachusetts becomes the 21st state to institute the checks.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Improper cleaning

**NC** RALEIGH — Two Duke University Health System hospitals in Durham and Raleigh, N.C., have notified about 4,000 patients that they may have been operated on with surgical instruments that weren't properly cleaned.

Although letters to patients don't specify what happened, drums labeled "detergent" actually contained a petroleum-based hydraulic fluid that was piped into the instrument-cleaning system at Duke Health Raleigh Hospital and Durham Regional Hospital.

Hospital officials say patient care was not compromised because all instruments were properly sterilized in a separate step.

## Maple sugar museum

**NH** ORFORD — The group that represents New Hampshire maple syrup producers is making plans for the mother of all sap houses — a New Hampshire maple sugar museum.

The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association has received a gift of the largest collection of antique sugaring tools and equipment in North America, and is trying to find a place to put it.

Its vice president, Peter Thomson of Orford, says money is being raised to provide a fire-safe building to temporarily store the artifacts while the group plans a permanent museum.

The collection is a gift from Charlie Stewart of Sugar Hill, who has been collecting the artifacts for many years, Thomson said.

## Creature comforts

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — In San Francisco, where orphaned animals live in "pet condos" at the SPCA, pet parents are called "guardians" instead of "owners," and well-behaved canines are enrolled in doggie day care, now comes a law mandating more creature comforts for the creatures.

The ordinance, expected to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, spells out exactly what the city means by providing food, shelter and water to dogs.

The food: palatable and nutritious. The water: changed at least once a day and provided in a non-tipping bowl. The shelter: big enough for the canine to stand up and turn around in and with a raised floor and dry, clean bedding for when the "ambient temperature falls below that ... to which the dog is acclimated."

## Medical screenings

**CT** HARTFORD — Legislation on breast cancer screenings is receiving a boost from Gov.

M. Jodi Rell's battle with the disease. Two newly filed bills would expand the type of screenings insurance companies would be required to cover. Rell, a longtime advocate for breast cancer awareness, underwent a mastectomy and reconstructive surgery. Her doctors say her prognosis is excellent.

## School dances canceled

**CA** LEMOORE — Fed up with students' racy moves, a principal has taken the unusual step of canceling the rest of this year's school dances.

Principal Jim Bennett of Lemoore Union High School said he warned students at a winter formal dance last month to either quit dirty dancing or face the possibility of not dancing at all.

But he said the students continued "freak dancing," a form of sexually suggestive dancing that involves grinding the hips and pelvic area.

The ban on dances includes the school's Sadie Hawkins dance in February and the junior and senior proms in the spring, but Bennett said they could be rescheduled if students modify their behavior.

"It's really up to the kids at this point. They have to take some responsibility," Bennett said.

## Road proves deadly

**KY** PIKEVILLE — U.S. 23 through Pike County had more deaths than any other road in Kentucky from 1999 through last November, a newspaper reported. Thirty-eight people died in 31 accidents on the road.



## Flying Elvis

A telemarketing Elvis, Charlie Curle, enjoys a run during Mount Rose's annual Elvis Day celebration near Reno, Nev.

The Lexington Herald-Leader conducted a county-by-county analysis that reviewed every traffic fatality, including pedestrian deaths and ATV accidents, on publicly maintained roads.

## Suspect arrested

**TN** ELIZABETHTON — A man was arrested on charges he made dozens of obscene phone calls from an unexpected place — a hospital intensive care waiting room.

Hank Steve Williams, 38, was charged with 38 counts of telephone harassment.

Officials said the suspect, who is not an employee of Sycamore Shoals Hospital, made the calls to at least five different women he didn't know over the past two months.

"He really had reached a comfort zone," said Elizabethton Police Capt. Mike Peters. "He knew the calls wouldn't be traced back to his number and he developed a pattern of making calls between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on weekdays and noon and 2 p.m. on weekends."

Investigators arrested Williams after a surveillance camera allegedly caught him using the waiting room phone. Other evidence indicates such calls had been coming from the hospital since 2002, they said.

## End to bison hunt

**MT** HELENA — Montana canceled what would have been the state's first bison hunt in more than a decade.

The Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission's 4-1 vote came after new Gov. Brian Schweitzer expressed strong misgivings about the hunt and the potential bad publicity for the state.

The hunting of bison that wander from Yellowstone National Park each winter was canceled in 1991 after a barrage of protests and bad publicity. But the 2003 Legislature authorized bison hunting to resume.

Many bison in the park carry the disease brucellosis, which can cause cattle to abort. Montana ranchers fear the bison will spread the disease to their herds, although there has not been a documented case of that happening.

More than 8,200 people applied for 10 hunting licenses that were to be issued through a drawing.

## Attack on seniors

**VA** ALEXANDRIA — Police have charged a housekeeper with a retirement home with knifing seven people, including four residents in their 90s, in seemingly random attacks at the facility.

The 30-year-old man took a knife and slashed and stabbed people in an office, hallway and living areas at Goodwin House Alexandria before a visitor managed to disarm him, said Alexandria police Capt. John Crawford.

The victims were taken to area hospitals. Their injuries apparently weren't life-threatening, but there is concern about the elderly victims' ability to recover, police spokeswoman Amy Bertsch said.

The suspect had been employed at Goodwin House for about a year and had no history of discipline problems, Goodwin House spokeswoman Colleen Ryan Mallon said.



## Catch of the day

Watermen haul in oysters at Deep Creek in Newport News, Va. Watermen are seeing a new and thriving area of oysters in the James River between Deep Creek and the James River Bridge, something that hasn't happened for more than a decade.



## Sinking feeling

A residence is partially swallowed by a sinkhole in Orange City, Fla. The sinkhole damaged two houses in Volusia County and forced the evacuation of 11 other homes. At 110 feet wide, it was the second largest sinkhole to open in Volusia County in less than two months.



## On the run

Hundreds of runners begin the Walt Disney Marathon in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.





BITTTTTT ...

Snow and ice stick to the snout of a Black Angus cow in a pasture near Fairfield, Mont. The animal was grazing in a field blanketed by 4 inches of snow.



## Tugboat accident

The tugboat Elizabeth M. is seen by the gates of the Montgomery Island Dam on the Ohio River at Industry, Pa., where it was swept to after an accident. The tugboat, pushing six barges of coal, sank after entering the dam, killing three crewmembers. One person was missing and believed to be aboard the tugboat.

## Changing times

One of at least four wooden boats that a researcher suggests were built in the late 19th or early 20th century lies in the mud near a boat ramp on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake, Va.



## Home, sweet home

Spectators watch from the deck of the Hampton Inn and Suites as the USS John C. Stennis arrives in Bremerton, Wash. The Stennis changed homeport from San Diego to Kitsap Naval Base in Bremerton.

## Oil company fined

**AK** ANCHORAGE — London-based BP agreed to pay civil fines totaling nearly \$1.4 million for two safety violations in Alaska's Prudhoe Bay oil field, including a 2002 well explosion that badly injured an Anchorage man. The amount to be paid in the mishap that injured employee Don Shugak, almost \$1.3 million, is one of the largest penalties the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has levied against an oil company.

## Painter pleads guilty

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — A man pleaded guilty to homicide charges for starting a fire in the back of a truck carrying a house-painting crew, turning the vehicle into a rolling inferno that killed two men.

Prosecutors told Tommy C. McElroy flicked a lighter to ignite a splash of lacquer thinner that had been thrown toward a co-worker as a practical joke. His action ignited a fireball that left the 13 painters badly burned as the truck raced along the highway in rush-hour traffic.

McElroy, 27, faces up to eight years in prison when he is sentenced next month. He pleaded guilty to two counts of reckless homicide and one count of criminal recklessness.

Outside court, fire victims and their loved ones expressed outrage at what they called an inadequate penalty for someone who caused so much agony.

The driver did not stop the truck until after the 13 men in the cargo hold began screaming and the vehicle shifted as they struggled to escape. Most of the painters were still on fire as they jumped or fell from the truck.

## Place for remains

**NY** SYRACUSE — Three Franciscan nuns from upstate New York plan to travel to Hawaii to bring back the remains of a woman who led their religious community more than a century ago and may be considered for sainthood.

Mother Marianne Cope's remains will be placed in the convent's chapel while the women decide whether they will build a special chapel to honor her.

Sister Grace Anne Dillenschneider, Sister Patricia Burkard, general minister of the community, and Sister Mary Laurence Hanley plan to leave Jan. 22. The exhumation is expected to begin Jan. 24. They expect to return with Mother Cope's remains in February.

Pope John Paul II last month accepted a report of a miracle attributed to the intervention of Mother Cope. The case involved a Syracuse teenager who had suffered multiple organ failure and recovered after she was touched by a relic of Mother Cope and prayers sought her intercession in the girl's healing.

## Dog adopted

**TX** FLOWER MOUND — A dog that apparently hitched a ride halfway across the country now has a 12-acre ranch to roam although her new owner says Carla will spend much of her time inside.

The mixed-breed dog, thought to

be about 11 years old, was adopted by Mira Jones, one of the Flower Mound Humane Society volunteers who had cared for her since she showed up in Denton in December. The dog had escaped from her home in Castle Rock, Wash., and was found covered with ice at a truck stop near Amarillo before being taken to a veterinary hospital in Denton.

The dog was identified through an implanted microchip and her owner, Gail Scott, asked that she be put up for adoption because of the difficulty in returning her to Washington.

Although Scott received offers to pay for the dog's transportation back to Washington, she agreed to let the adoption proceed after humane society officials balked at returning her.

## Record lion sightings

**ND** MINOT — A record 63 mountain lion sightings were reported last year in the state, wildlife officials said. Only seven of the sightings were confirmed through tracks, photographs and one carcass, biologist Jacquie Ermer said. Until last year, the sightings in the state since the early 1960s totaled fewer than 100.

## Houses won't boot bats

**VT** MANCHESTER — A proposed housing project wouldn't affect an area where hundreds of endangered Indiana bats are known to hibernate, wildlife officials say.

Developers Tommy Harmon and Neil Joseph are seeking a state land use permit to build 27 housing units at the Rockingham Farm on Route 7A, just south of Manchester village.

The site is adjacent to what was recently identified as Vermont's largest Indiana bat cave, which is home to 297 of the creatures.

Several other bat species also hibernate in the cave, including the little brown bat, northern long-eared bat and eastern pipistrelle, said state wildlife biologist Scott Darling.

## Dems held accused

**WI** MADISON — Some Wisconsin's top Democrats are among those who contributed thousands of dollars to help former state lawmakers Brian Burke and Chuck Chvala fight felony charges stemming from a corruption probe, according to an Associated Press review of state records. Donors included one of Gov. Jim Doyle's top aides and the state party's chairwoman. Burke's trial is scheduled for October. Chvala's trial has been delayed.

## Waiving tuition

**LA** BATON ROUGE — The University of Louisiana system will drop all or part of tuition for students whose families were affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami. The waivers for at least one semester will depend on each school's budget. About 780 students from Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand, the areas hit hardest, attend the eight universities. The president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette said he expects about 100 of his school's 226 international students to qualify for the waiver.

Stories and photos from wire services

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## What prompted the curfew?

In response to Army Command Sgt. Maj. Reg B. Bunce ("Keeping curfew in context," letter, Jan. 10): I think you may have misread Scott Smith's Dec. 24 letter "Curfew just a morality move."

His comments were stated as a civilian. His objections were not to the fact that we, as civilians, are being force-fed. If you go back and read just about every editorial comment published about the curfew in South Korea, you will notice that almost all of them were written by civilians — most retired South Korea has always been in a high state of alert. I have been here more than 10 years and, throughout that time, North Korea has always instigated a threat of war. North and South Korea are officially still at war. There has never been a peace treaty signed and yet I recall staying out until 4 a.m. back in 1993 when I was an E-3 stationed in Weagwan.

South Korea has always been forward deployed and has always had the need to be ready to "fight tonight." Accountability has always been a necessity and yet recently it is more important than before? Military standards have always been instilled and followed but yet now that we have a different command, the standards are not good enough?

Are you trying to say that the leaders in charge before were doing it wrong? Maybe that is what the current command is trying to say. Was the previous command before Gen. Leon LaPorte running the peninsula careless?

The previous commanders were the reason why South Korea was titled "the best-kept secret" or "the assignment of choice." Is it still "the assignment of choice?" Would you extend here just so that you could "socially consume native and imported spirits?"

Michael Marquez

Osan Air Base, South Korea

## Rule makers also rule breakers

As an ex-Marine I surely do not condone involvement in prostitution by military members — especially if the servicemember involved is married. But when there was talk about passing the law forbidding engagement in prostitution by U.S. personnel in South Korea, I took a minute to think of ways that was making the policy.

Who made the policy? Lawmakers and former officers of the military. Anybody who spent time in the Philippines or Thailand can vouch as well as I can of seeing people [who later attained such positions], albeit much younger, walking across that little bridge in Olongapo, Philippines, with a prostitute, hand in hand. At the same time we enlisted were being briefed not to do the same.

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Largely this should not surprise anyone who has spent any time in the military; we've all seen enough of the double standards performed.

My advice to a military member is adhere to and enforce the policy (that's your duty), but never forget that the guys behind the policy might have been just as guilty at one time of the same offense.

Brad Lietha

Okinawa

## Stripes not right on the right

I read Stars and Stripes nearly every day, and I must say, I am completely disturbed by the lack of respect this publication has for our president or anyone on his staff. Most of the time he is referred to only as "Bush." This is disgraceful and, as a publication that is sometimes the only news of home, lopsided opinions of Democratic oppression are truly being read. Stripes does not offer a Republican response to most of the unilaterals depicted. It is nearly as biased as CNN in its unrelenting attacks on all things conservative or Republican. It must truly be a bitter pill to swallow after making the support and press Stripes gave Sen. John Kerry during the election. I can only imagine how long we will be overwhelmed with Stripes' support of Sen. Hillary Clinton, should she run [for president in 2008].

As a loyal reader of Stripes, I find it to be truly disturbing that only one side of the issues is ever completely discussed. Most Republican responses, if printed at all, often are taken out of context and twisted, contorted and manipulated to sway reader opinion. I must say, Stripes does this well.

I wish there would be more positive stories coming out of Stripes' coverage of

the Iraq war. Stripes does a lot to crush troop morale with its constant bombardment of U.S. deaths at the hands of insurgents in Iraq. I cannot even begin to imagine what would happen if U.S. interests worldwide if we don't win this fight.

James Laing  
Camp Red Cloud, South Korea

## No support at the pump

In response to Tech. Sgt. William R. Buchanan's Jan. 10 letter "AFAP's gas prices," I also disagree wholeheartedly with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas-price situation.

According to an article in the Jan. 3 edition, AFAP's was to raise the price of regular gas 6 cents a gallon to \$2 [for Japan and Okinawa] starting Jan. 8, based on the U.S. Department of Energy. I filled up on Jan. 4, and paid \$2.04 a gallon. Then Stripes prints an article on Jan. 6 in U.S. gas prices decline, saying the DOE reported that the weekly average of U.S. price per gallon fell for the ninth straight week to \$1.78.

What I would like to know is how long is AFAP's going to be allowed to fleece the people on military bases in Japan and when is somebody going to do something about the monopoly it holds over us? So much for the "support" AFAP's claims so vehemently for the military.

Joe Stevens

Misawa Air Base, Japan

## Justify gas-price increase

It looks like the Army and Air Force Exchange Service raise the price of gas with another fuel increase in Japan. The price for a gallon of gasoline is now at \$2. The reasoning behind the continued four-month fuel hike is that the price is based on a four-week average of fuel prices in the United States.

I would like to know where AFAP's has been getting its fuel-price information for the past four weeks to justify this act? The U.S. Department of Energy indicates that the Web site that the U.S. average price for a gallon of gasoline as of Jan. 3 is \$1.778 and has been dropping for the past nine weeks. Since Dec. 6, the price has been below \$1.85 per gallon; yet AFAP's management, in its infamous way, increased the price on Jan. 1.

Does AFAP's really think the consumers would not realize the difference? The military police should barricade AFAP's gas stations, because they are crime scenes every time a customer grabs the fuel pump and squeezes the trigger.

I, like many other Stripes readers in the Pacific realm, would like to hear a response from AFAP's that convinces us that what officials are doing is the right thing.

Shawn Curtis

Okinawa City, Okinawa

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury







# Horoscope

There's the opportunity to embody the very quality you want to possess. Grace, maturity and even majesty can be accomplished simply, naturally and without resistance. As the sun and Saturn engage in an enlightening conversation, you can powerfully assimilate recent lessons. Model a desired character trait, and you'll become it.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(January 13).** You'll get validation this year from your family, your peers and your community at large. Career happenings in February are remarkable. When you think you're through, something happens to take your project to the next level. Love is fabulous with a Cancer or Leo. For couples, the idea of building a better home with the one you love is an aphrodisiac.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The lessons of the day are of the Zen variety — deliberately irrational occurrences that will jar you into realizing the limits of your thinking. What an experience. You drift off to sleep tonight to the sound of one hand clapping.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your grandiose mission will be reduced to something menial — like standing in line at the post office or delivering coffee. It's all an important part of the plan, so don't worry that you might be wasting your time.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You do know how to bring the goods. Still, don't go all smarty-pants on your co-workers or boss. They're likely to get annoyed by your over-achieving tendencies. Play it humble. Anyone with half a brain knows you're great.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The stars provide a kind of security check list. You'll be asking yourself hard questions, especially regarding your finances. It's simple, really. The more you do for others, the better you are compensated.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Be the total individual today, not at all influenced by the usual onslaught of

advertising and corporate brainwashing you encounter. You don't need a media spectacle to show you what you want out of life.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

When you think about your social life, there are definite rumbles of friendship people must go through to get close to you. You don't answer the phone to just anybody. Somebody jumps from a lower rung to a higher one today.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The art of deception is featured, and you're alarmingly good at it. Your intention is not to harm the other person, but you sure wouldn't mind if they thought something different about you than was actually true.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

An idea you once cynically dismissed is now on your hot track. You have the ability to see controversial issues from all sides, but there's always a hard time abandoning their strong points of view.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Being regimented is overrated. Besides, your curiosity takes you in a fascinating direction. Like Alice down the rabbit hole, you're not sure where you're headed, but you find a wonderland if you just keep going.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're the center of attention, even though you don't feel as fabulous as others see you. If only you could see yourself as others do, you'd give yourself a big hug and a few words of encouragement.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Mistakes happen, and you're adept at blowing past them in favor of focusing on the good. But there's a persistent error that deserves your attention. Rectifying it will bring an influx of good fortune to your world.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

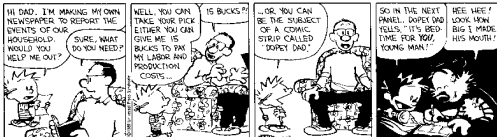
The stars grant you abundant charisma. All you have to do is wave your hand, and people come running. Please remember to use your powers for good and not evil, though it's tempting to toy with others.

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## Holiday Mathis



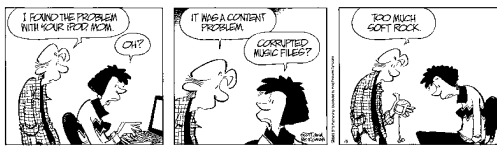
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## Jump Start



## Zits



## Cathy



## Hi and Lois



## Beetle Bailey



## Red and Rover



## Better or Worse



## Peanuts

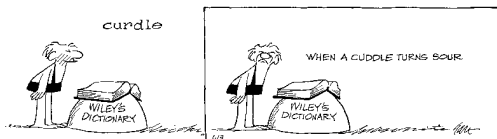




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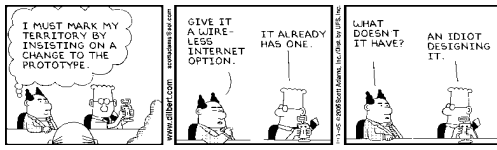
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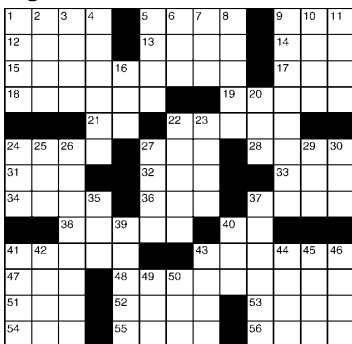
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



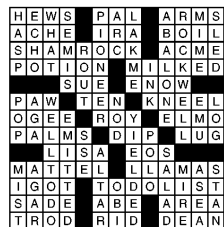
## Across

- 1 Woody fiber
- 5 Gossip
- 9 Mischief
- 12 State with certainty
- 13 Golden Spike site
- 14 Raw rock
- 15 Cukin movie
- 17 West of Hollywood
- 18 Quick-tempered
- 19 Ledge
- 21 E-mail address symbol
- 22 Concepts
- 23 Songwriter Gus
- 27 Grand —, Nova Scotia
- 28 Pointers
- 31 "What can — for you?"
- 32 Supplement, with "out"

## Down

- 1 Scrooge's cries
- 3 18-wheeler
- 4 Boring tool
- 5 Properly
- 6 Judge Lance
- 7 Kurosawa movie
- 8 — Foolish
- 10 Evangelists
- 11 Complaint
- 16 Suitable
- 20 Chapeau
- 22 Annoyed
- 33 "Monopoly" card
- 34 Tease
- 35 Fracas
- 36 Teacher's assignment
- 37 Laborer
- 38 Luau offering
- 39 Congeal
- 40 New Haven collegian
- 41 Photog's request
- 42 Phoenix's origin
- 43 Little devil
- 44 "Smallville" girl
- 45 Teamwork obstacles
- 46 Re planes
- 47 Bohr or Borge
- 48 Pack away
- 49 Mrs. Dick Tracy
- 50 "Little Women" woman

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 1-13

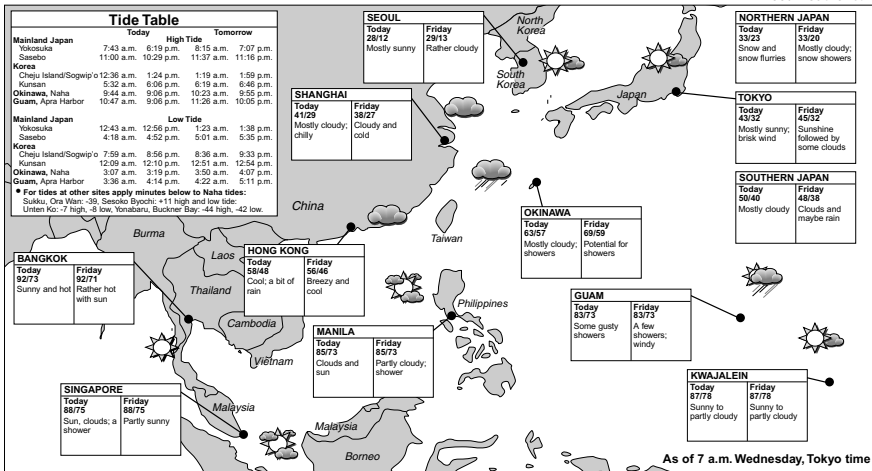
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YZ QIE RKIAM PIU JA AY  
NJED, JM SEIHMA CYMA  
YN QHEU NIICJZRA.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A MAN COULD  
COME TO A COSTUME PARTY DRESSED AS A  
KNIFE, HE'D LOOK REALLY SHARP.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals R



# The Pacific Forecast

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## Extended Forecasts

### TOKYO

Saturday: Snow, high 46, low 42.  
Sunday: Partly sunny, high 47, low 32.

### KADENA

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, high 65, low 53.  
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 59, low 51.

### SEOUL

Saturday: Snow flurries, high 26, low 11.  
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 31, low 14.

### MANILA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 73.  
Sunday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 73.

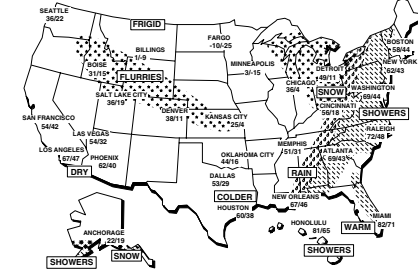
### HAGATNA

Saturday: Showers, high 85, low 75.  
Sunday: Showers, high 87, low 75.

## Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	56/33	Los Angeles	60/45
Anchorage	64/38	Little Rock	73/57
Asheville	63/46	Louisville	66/57
Baltimore	47/43	Miami	80/69
Birmingham	74/56	Milwaukee	34/32
Bismarck	19/6	Nashville	66/56
Boise	38/22	New York	41/34
Boston	35/24	Omaha	26/22
Brownsville	84/68	Orlando	79/58
Buffalo	32/30	Philadelphia	43/38
Burlington	21/12	Phoenix	63/46
Charleston, SC	72/51	Pittsburgh	47/44
Charlotte	66/50	Portland, OR	42/34
Cleveland	41/38	Portland, ME	27/14
Columbus, OH	50/48	Salt Lake City	43/25
Dallas	21/15	San Antonio	53/50
El Paso	73/44	San Diego	60/49
Harford	34/27	San Juan	84/72
Hartford	21/10	Tampa	79/60
Indianapolis	51/48	Tulsa	48/39
Jacksonville	78/55	Washington	50/46
Kansas City	34/32	Wichita	41/36

## Thursday, January 13



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A powerful cold front will change eastward through the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Thursday. Showers and thunderstorms will break out in the warm air ahead of the front. Rain will change to snow across Michigan, Indiana and Ohio in the afternoon with temperatures falling into the 20s by the end of the day. It will be spring-like along the East Coast. Bitterly cold air will be found over the Upper Midwest and northern Plains. On Friday and Saturday, this arctic air mass will overwhelm the East Coast and Southeast. The cold front will stall over central Florida, resulting in some wet weather in Miami and Orlando. Drizzle and freezing drizzle will be found across the lee of the Rockies.

## Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/73	Iwakuni	47/32
Beijing	38/18	Kadena AB	63/57
Camp Casey	29/11	Kunsan AB	35/25
Christchurch	69/50	Kwajalein	87/78
Diego Garcia	83/73	Manila	85/73
Hagatna	83/73	Masawa AB	32/24
Hanoi	57/47	Osan	32/14
Hong Kong	58/48	Perth	82/57
Honolulu	81/65	Pusan	42/28
		Sasebo NB	49/39
		Sapporo	33/23
		Seoul	28/12
		Shanghai	41/29
		Singapore	88/75
		Sydney	95/79
		Taipei	39/23
		Taegu	64/53
		Tokyo	44/32

## Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	89/73	Budapest	41/25
Athens	55/41	Buenos Aires	84/64
Auckland	70/59	Cairo	69/45
Baghdad	62/40	Cancun	84/70
Barbados	84/67	Cape Town	85/62
Barcelona	52/41	Geneva	43/31
Berlin	39/27	Istanbul	52/41
Bermuda	72/64	Jerusalem	55/45
Brussels	44/29	Johannesburg	82/59
		Kabul	41/13
		New Delhi	81/51
		Oso	39/24
		Paris	44/30
		Rio de Janeiro	77/66
		Stockholm	39/28
		Warsaw	42/22



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## MOVIES

• **SPORTS**

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	#ESaves Pacific Report	Two and a Half Men Thanksgiving dinner: (CC)	W/4 & Grace Flo' Wray and Grace meddle with Jack (CC)	Desperate Housewives "Is, but Underneath" Gabrielle goes to extremes to hide her affair: (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Sid Winters" A house fire claims a young girl's life: (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show with Jack (CC)	Late Show (CC)			
7	AFN-AT	(5-46) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(3-5) Guiding Light (CC)	(R-7) General Hospital	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)					
8	NEWS	Hairball with Chris Matthews	The O'Reilly Factor	60 Minutes (CC)		Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends				
9	SPTS	(H-100) College Basketball Kansas at Iowa (Taped)	College Basketball Texas-E Paso at Nevada, (Taped)			4#SportsCenter		NFL Live	College GameNight	NBA Basketball Teams To Be Announced (Taped)		
10	SPECT	6#Saves Everybody Loves Raymundo Thanks you guys give birth to occupants: (CC)	Summerland "Yummy Mummy" A wife has a difficult time running the business without her father: (CC)	Summerland Summer news its and and all reconsider their respective nites: (CC)			14#s Mystery Dark Side of the Moon's A man's wife and daughter disappear: (CC)	Friends Authority of a job is in question: (CC)	Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
11	AFN-AT	Ever-Moves Fut Tonight	Rugrats (CC)	That's So Raven (CC)	The Thin Green (CC)	Sabrina-Nich	Sabrina-Nich	The Cosby Show	Home Improve	Touched by an Angel (CC)		
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25	SHOW	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)	6#Saves The "Disastrous" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sherie Lee Ralph, A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, DC: (CC)
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28	TFC	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show	Wazz Up! Wazz Up! Star Circle Show
29	CNN-I	Low Dobbs Tonight	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak	CNN Daybreak
30	GOLF	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights	Scottish Open Highlights
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32	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Justice League	Powwergirl!	Cartoon shorts.	Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show	Scoby-Do, Where Are You!		
33	ANPL	Pet Star Talented pig, artistic penning	Miami Animal Police "Coolkidding" Cartoons: A girl heads for a mall, coolkiddinging farm put out of business.	The Plane's Funniest Animals (CC)	Pet Star Talented pig, artistic penning	Miami Animal Police "Coolkidding" Cartoons: A girl heads for a mall, coolkiddinging farm put out of business.	Miami Animal Police "Coolkidding" Cartoons: A girl heads for a mall, coolkiddinging farm put out of business.	Miami Animal Police "Coolkidding" Cartoons: A girl heads for a mall, coolkiddinging farm put out of business.	Miami Animal Police "Coolkidding" Cartoons: A girl heads for a mall, coolkiddinging farm put out of business.	Miami Animal Police "Coolkidding" Cartoons: A girl heads for a mall, coolkiddinging farm put out of business.	Miami Animal Police "Coolkidding" Cartoons: A girl heads for a mall, coolkiddinging farm put out of business.	Miami Animal Police "Coolkidding" Cartoons: A girl heads for a mall, coolkiddinging farm put out of business.
34	COM	Reno 911! DA (Daily news crimes, parment): (CC)	Reno 911! The (Daily news crimes, parment): (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox: (CC)
35	NGCA	Mummy Roadshow "Mystery of the Masks" Dead mask mystery probe: (CC)	SNAKE WANGS! Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.	Chronic Chronicles Snake chameleons. Kids next door.
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40	STR-IL	The Simpsons Show	The Drew Carey Show	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	Cries Angel Mindreack The magician performs tricks and illusions in New York: (CC)	The Chronicle: News From the Edge	My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance (CC)	Friends (CC)	Special		
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7:30 Disney (12)  
**Afternoon**  
1:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Con Express  
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3:12 Grand Sumo: The 5th Day (1)  
5:50 News (6)  
**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
10:00 News (1)  
12:15 Grand Sumo (1)  
2:10 Soccer: Serie A/Premier/Liga Digest (8)  
2:50 NFL Club (4)  
2:37 Best Hits U.S.A. (10)  
2:40 Code Name: ETERNITY (4)  
4:40 Grand Sumo (1)(4)

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1:15 NFL AFC Wild Card Playoffs: Denver  
 Broncos vs. Indianapolis Colts  
 35 Grand Sumo Digest  
 15 Asian News  
 35 World Amazing Sports  
 15 Asian News  
 15 World News Hour  
 PAN TV-BS11  
**orning**  
 :00 Classical Music: Shigenori Kudo and Vi-  
 enna Philharmony Friends (r)  
**fternoon**  
 :00 Grand Sumo Tournament, 5th Day (bilingual  
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 :00 NHK News  
 :00 U.S. Movie (1998): Gloria (1:50)

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**Afternoon**  
12:00 Spy Angel #1  
3:00 U.S.-Canadian Movie (2001): The Unsuspecting Man (15)  
**Evening**  
7:40 British-U.S. Movie (2002): Die Another Day (2-14)  
12:10 South Park #104  
4:00 Pro Boxing: Heavyweight 12-Round Match - Hasim Rahman vs. Kali Makin (r)  
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**Morning**  
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## HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

## Going great lengths

## Kubasaki's Haecheerl crossed Pacific to chase his dream of playing Div. I college football

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

From one side of the Pacific to the other, high school junior Paul Haecheerl has been on an unusual mission.

During the fall Haecheerl wore the purple and gold football uniform of Puyallup High School in Washington state and was the only junior to start. As a left tackle, he helped the Vikings to a No. 4 state ranking and was named first-team All-South Puget Sound League.

He spent those football seasons separated from his family on Okinawa, he said, only because "I want to play Division I college football."

Now, Haecheerl is back wearing the green-and-white wrestling uniform of the Kubasaki Dragons. He returned because of finances — "It got to be too much, where my father and mother were providing for two households" — and "unfinished business," getting Far East wrestling tournament gold.

"I finished third in my freshman year, second in my sophomore year," he said. "To win gold is the goal."

The goal of playing college football was the reason behind the move to Washington, where he could get noticed by college coaches and scouts, even if that meant being separated from his family, being a stranger at school, and facing far tougher football.

Still, he said, "I knew what I had to do to succeed in the future."

"The only other way to be seen if you play [in Okinawa] is if you go to one of those expensive football camps."

Puyallup High coach Tom Ingles says Haecheerl already has at least one Division I program, Arizona, interested in him.

"That didn't make it any easier on him or his family."

"It stunk," said Haecheerl's father, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Paul Haecheerl, "but sacrifices have to be made."

That meant having Haecheerl stay with two uncles in a Puyallup apartment — which meant leaving his father, mother, and three brothers for the first time. Even though e-mail and phone calls, particularly after Friday night games, helped keep him in touch with his family, the separation "was heart-breaking," he said. "I'd never been without them before."



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Kubasaki Dragons junior heavyweight Paul Haecheerl, left, battles for control against Grady Pennell of the Kadena Panthers during a dual meet on Jan. 7, 2004 at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Haecheerl spent the fall playing left tackle for the Puyallup High School Vikings in Washington state, and has his sights set on playing Division I college football.

Assigned to Camp Foster, Paul Haecheerl plans to retire to Washington in the spring, when the younger Haecheerl will re-enroll at Puyallup.

He won't again face the challenge of being the new guy in school.

"I didn't know anybody," Haecheerl said. Fortunately, senior football player Michael Au "approached me, took me in, introduced me around. I'm grateful to him."

That didn't ease cracking the Vikings' roster, let alone the starting lineup. Puyallup has 1,600 students in grades 10-12, and has produced such NFL players as Brock and Damon Huard and Billy Joe Hobert.

"There's 80 players on the team," Haecheerl said. "That was intimidating. That first day walking on the practice field, I was scared out of my mind. I was the smallest lineman. I didn't think I had a chance. I beat out eight seniors. That wasn't easy."

Haecheerl said Puyallup's competitive levels dropped sharply from the Kubasaki Samurai, for which he played as a freshman and sophomore.

"The competition is better, the pace is much quicker, your reaction is quicker and everybody is twice as big. You have to fight for your starting position. Here, technically, you have tryouts but if you go out, you're on the team. There, you get cut. I was lucky to start."

But playing two seasons at Kubasaki helped Haecheerl "learn discipline and how to be coached. It gave me my start in football."

Whatever skills he gained on Okinawa certainly helped, said Ingles.

"He was a walk-on into a program that was pretty solid, and he ... started and was an all-league selection, which doesn't happen often. We were very pleased to get him. He has good feet, runs well, has a good frame and can carry quite a bit of weight aggressively."

Haecheerl did have some adjustment problems, Ingles said.

"He was pretty raw and was amazed at how complicated things were, the plays, the adjustments you have to make on defense." At middle linebacker, for instance, "he had trouble with some of the reads we make defensively."

Although Haecheerl's absence proved a "huge loss" for the Samurai, said Fred Bales, Kubasaki athletic director and Samurai coach, "he has a chance to play Division I football. I hope his dream is realized."

Haecheerl "certainly has that opportunity ahead of him," Bales said. "He has Division I size, which you can't coach."

Whether Haecheerl will achieve his Division I dream will depend, in part, on how he performs his senior season at Puyallup, Ingles said.

"He has the ability to play multiple positions in the offensive line," the Puyallup coach said. "We're planning to play him at outside linebacker, so he'll get some looks at a variety of positions."

Haecheerl continues to look toward again donning Puyallup's purple-and-gold uniform and resuming his Division I quest.

"I've started a new life over here and hope to forget the other one," he said. "I'm looking forward to going back."

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## This week's schedule

**Japan Boys basketball**  
**Friday, Jan. 14**  
 El. King and Matthew C. Perry at Serrini Int'l, Osaka, 10 a.m.; Zama American at Zama, 5:30 p.m.; Zama American at Christian Academy in Japan at American School in Japan, 5:30 p.m.; Nille C. Kinick at St. Mary's Int'l, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
 Edgren at Kinick, 10 a.m.; Zama at ASU, 10 a.m.; El. King and M.C. Perry at Serrini Int'l, Osaka, 10 a.m.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 18**  
 Kinick at Zama, 5:30 p.m.; CAJ at Yokota, 5:30 p.m.; St. Maur Int'l at Yokota, 7 p.m.  
**Girls basketball**  
**Friday, Jan. 14**  
 Seisen Int'l vs. Robert B. Edgren at Yokota Air Base, 4 p.m.; Seisen Int'l at Yokota, 5:30 p.m.; Zama American at Nille C. Kinick, 5:30 p.m.; American School in Japan at Zama, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
 Int'l School of the Sacred Heart at Kinick, 10 a.m.; Zama at ASU, 10 a.m.; Edgren at Yokota, 10 a.m.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 18**  
 St. Maur Int'l at Yokohama Int'l, 5:30 p.m.; Zama at Yokota, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 19**  
 DODDS-Japan duals, Robert B. Edgren, Misawa Air Base, 9 a.m.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 19**  
 Nille C. Kinick at St. Mary's Int'l, 5:30 p.m.

**Korea Football**  
**Friday, Jan. 14**  
 Pusan American at Int'l Christian-Uijongbu, 2 p.m.; Korea Kent Foran at Korea Int'l, 3:30 p.m.; Int'l Christian-Pyeongtaek at Int'l Christian-Seoul, 3:30 p.m.; Seisen Int'l at Seisen, 3:30 p.m.; Zama American at Seoul Foran, 3:30 p.m.; Taegu American at Taegu Christian Int'l, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
 Osan American at Seoul American, 9 a.m.; Taegu Christian Int'l at Seoul Foreign, 9 a.m.; Taegu American at Seoul American, 9 a.m.; Int'l Christian-Pyeongtaek at Int'l Christian-Uijongbu, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 19**  
 Seoul American at Seoul Foreign, 3:30 p.m.; Seoul Int'l at Taegu Christian Int'l, 3:30 p.m.; Pusan American at Taegu American, 3:30 p.m.; Int'l Christian-Seoul at Osan American, 4 p.m.

**Okinawa Boys basketball**  
**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
 Kubasaki at Kadena, time TBA  
**Girls basketball**  
**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
 Kubasaki at Kadena, time TBA  
**Friday, Jan. 14**  
 Kadena at Kubasaki, time TBA

## Game of the week

**Wrestling**  
**Kadena (4-0) at Kubasaki (0-1)**  
**When:** 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14.  
**Where:** Dragons Den, Kubasaki High School, Okinawa.  
**What:** Second of three regular-season wrestling matches. The match is the first of three regular-season matches in the Okinawa Activities Council. Kadena is the defending champion. The match is the last of three regular-season matches. Last Friday at the Panther Pit with a 34-20 triumph over the Dragons.

**Wrestlers to watch:** Kadena's lineup includes three seniors, including 2002 Far East 101-pound champion on Brenden (150) and 141, the Eastland brothers (180, at the 141) and 135 and 160 (now, at the defending Far East 101-pound champion). Kadena's veteran Chris Ealey (115) and newcomer Courtney Salas (160) are looking for a potential Far East champion in Steve Courtney. Salas is a 2003 Far East tournament co-Outstanding Wrestler. Benam Tagawa.

**Notes:** The Panthers' victory was their fourth straight over the Dragons. The Dragons won the Dragons, and the sixth time in the last eight regular-season matches. The third dual meet of the 2002-03 regular season.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## Joey Wood

Wrestling  
Nile C. Kinick, Japan

Last week: Won the 168-pound weight class and earned Outstanding Wrestler honors in helping lead the Red Devils to the E.J. King Invitational Tournament team title at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan.  
 Kinick defeated Zama American 39-26, Wood, reigning Far East tournament 158-pound champion, took one of the Red Devils' five weight-class golds.



Wood is an "extremely talented" wrestler who also serves as an assistant coach on the mat, said coach Robby Rhinehart. Wood helps with practice and coaching from the corner, and off the mat, keeping teammates in line with behavior and schoolwork, the coach said.

"Any coach would be thrilled to have either Rhinehart or leadership on their team," Rhinehart said. "I am fortunate enough to have both. I would say that one day, Joey will be a fine wrestling coach, but he already is."

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## Janel Daniels

Girls basketball  
Seoul American, South Korea

Last week: Averaged 23.5 points and 26.5 rebounds as the Falcons came off the two-week holiday break with two victories that helped them take undisputed possession of first place in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference. Daniels began the weekend by scoring 20 points and grabbing 19 rebounds in a 67-22 romp over Pusan American at



Camp Hialeah. Then she contributed 27 points and 34 rebounds in a 55-46 triumph over previously unbeaten Taegu American.

The Falcons are 7-5 overall and 5-0 in league play.  
 "Janel is one of the driving forces of our team," coach Charlotte Hicks said.  
 "She is a complete player. She takes the ball to her opponent. She loves to drive down the lane; the more players in the lane, the happier she is to challenge."

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# Johnson's opening pitch: An apology

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Randy Johnson's first pitch in pinstripes was an apology.

The Big Unit opened Tuesday's news conference introducing him as a member of the New York Yankees by talking about his confrontation on a Manhattan sidewalk with a television camera on the way to his physical for the team the day before.

"I'd first like to once again reiterate: The situation yesterday, it was unprofessional," Johnson said, "and obviously I feel very foolish today at such a great moment of my career that I would have to stand before you and apologize for my actions. Hopefully it's water under the bridge."

Johnson added, "Yesterday, my actions were uncalled for. I'm sorry. I hope I can move on and can get another chance to prove that I'm worth coming here."

In a deal in the works for more than a month and agreed to Dec. 30, the Yankees sent pitchers Javier Vazquez and Brad Halsey, catcher Dioner Navarro and \$9 million to the Arizona Diamondbacks for Johnson.

The five-time Cy Young Award winner got a \$32 million, two-year contract extension that runs through 2007.

The Yankees revamped their rotation in the offseason, also adding starters Carl Pavano and Jarret Wright.

"Obviously, the acquisition of Randy Johnson is, in more ways than one, a huge addition to our pitching staff," Yankees manager Joe Torre said in a statement released before the news conference.

"His accomplishments speak for themselves, but he will also make everyone around him much better."

Vazquez passed his physical with the Diamondbacks on Monday night. Navarro had to take two physicals Monday — one for Arizona and one for Los Angeles, which is acquiring him as a separate deal. The Dodgers are receive-

## MLB briefs

Green and Arizona reached an agreement in principle Sunday on a \$32 million, three-year contract, which allows that trade to be finalized.

The deal bringing Johnson to New York fell through in several forms. Turning to Johnson on Tuesday, Yankees President Randy Levine said, "We've been trying to bring you here for a long, long time."

Johnson got a taste Monday of how much attention star ballplayers can attract in New York. Walking along a Manhattan avenue, he put his long right arm up to block a camera from WBST-TV after he left his Manhattan hotel.

Johnson, who was accompanied by Yankees director of team security Jerry Laverni, made contact with the camera, station spokeswoman Audrey Pass said.

"Get out of my face, that's all I ask," Johnson said, according to a video of what occurred, which was posted on the Internet Web site.

"No cameras," Laverni said. "Don't get in my face," Johnson then said. "I don't care who you are. Don't get in my face."

"I'm just taking a picture," said the cameraman, identified by the station as Andy Egan.

Responded Johnson: "Don't get in my face, and don't talk back to me, all right."

## Green officially joins D-backs

**PHOENIX** — The Arizona Diamondbacks introduced two-time All-Star outfielder Shawn Green on Tuesday, hours after finalizing two trades that made it possible for them to acquire him.

The Diamondbacks got the left-handed slugger and \$10 million from the Los Angeles Dodgers by giving up four minor leaguers — catcher Dioner Navarro and pitchers William Juezt, Danny Muegge and Beltran Perez.



Randy Johnson began his introductory news conference with the New York Yankees on Tuesday by apologizing for Monday's dust-up with a television camera on a sidewalk in Manhattan.

Green said he believes Arizona is building a team that can contend for a pennant after also acquiring third baseman Troy Glaus and pitcher Russ Ortiz. He called Bank One Ballpark his favorite stadium — home out by his .314 average and 14 home runs in Phoenix.

"I knew how great it would be to play in Arizona, just to talk about the guys that are added to the ballpark and the coaching staff," Green said. "From my perspective, you just kind of sit there and start salivating a little bit and think of the opportunity that's ahead."

Green was due to make \$16 million this year with Los Angeles.

## Indians, Juan Gonzalez agree to minor league contract

**CLEVELAND** — Juan Gonzalez has been the same since he left Cleveland to the playoffs in 2001. The Indians are giving him another chance.

Gonzalez agreed to a minor league contract with Cleveland on Tuesday that could pay him up to \$2.55 million — if the oft-injured slugger can remain healthy. Gonzalez's production has dropped since he had 35 homers and 140 RBIs three seasons ago, primarily because of injuries. But Indians General Manager Mark Shapiro said the two-time American League MVP is close to 100 percent.

"Should he come into camp healthy and in good form, I fully expect him to make our club and be a starting outfielder," Shapiro said.

## Sports briefs

Neuheisel's lawyer, Robert M. Sulkin, "I think Rick is looking for a way to give his side of the story."

Neuheisel was fired with five years remaining on a six-year contract that paid about \$1.2 million a year. Also at issue is a \$1.5 million loan he received with the contract, which stipulated it would be forgiven if he stayed at Washington through Jan. 1, 2008.

In four seasons with the Huskies, Neuheisel compiled a 33-16 record, including a Rose Bowl victory in 2001 and No. 3 ranking.

He was fired in June 2003 by then-athletic director Barbara Hedges, who said he lied to her

when he denied interviewing for a job with the San Francisco 49ers, then lied again the same day when he insisted he had never participated in gambling pools, although he had won \$11,219 in the previous two NCAA men's basketball tournaments.

## Miller send in men's GS

**ADELBODEN, Switzerland** — Bode Miller, who is trying to become the first American to win the overall title since Phil Mahre in 1983, took over the top spot in the giant slalom standings by finishing runner-up Tuesday to Italy's Massimiliano Blardone.

Miller leads the overall standings with 988 points, followed by Austrians Benjamin Raich (690) and Hermann Maier (551), the overall defending champion.

# Mets' Beltran in a N.Y. state of mind

## All-Star CF finalizes \$119M deal, then recruits free agent Delgado

By Hal Bock  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — In the end, timing and destiny played key roles in Carlos Beltran signing with the New York Mets instead of the New York Yankees.

A no-trade clause in the seven-year, \$119 million contract, a recruiting trip to Puerto Rico by team brass, and 31 consecutive days of phone calls didn't hurt, either.

Beltran was welcomed by his new team Tuesday, ending a whirlwind courtship that began with long-shot flirtation and evolved into the richest deal in Mets history. Already he was looking ahead, talking about a recruiting call he already planned to Carlsbad, Calif.

For the 27-year-old center fielder, the contract was all about commitment.

"When I was in Kansas City, I was always worried about being traded for five years," he said. "When I was traded to Houston, it was not a good feeling. I didn't want to go through that anymore. I would not sign without a no-trade clause. I was looking for stability. The Mets said, 'If you would give me that stability.'"

And they said it over and over and over again.

When General Manager Omar Minaya traded the Mets had a shot to get Beltran, the team went after him aggressively.

"Starting at Thanksgiving, they called me 31 straight days," agent Scott Boras said. "They checked in every day, asking where Carlos was at [in his thinking], saying they wanted Carlos. I would tell Carlos every day, 'The Mets called again.' And again. And again."

Beltran was impressed. Then came the visit.

Boras suggested the two sides

meet in Miami. Minaya, fresh off his successful recruiting trip to the Dominican Republic where he chatted pitcher Pedro Martinez with Thanksgiving dinner, said the Mets would travel to San Juan to see Beltran on his home turf.

"If we are involved, we are involved to win," Minaya said. "I sensed when we got there we would be players, maybe underdogs. But I like being the underdog."

Beltran said the Mets signing of Martinez impressed him. And he hoped his signing would have a similar effect on first baseman Delgado, another Mets target.

Beltran was wowed by the visit, especially the sincerity of Mets owners Fred Wilpon and Steve Waks. "He told me, 'If you're happy in Houston, stay in Houston,'" Beltran said. "If you want the big state, come to me. I sign with the Yankees or sign with me. He gave me options. He showed me the kind of person he is."

The Yankees seemed an obvious fit for Beltran, especially with their history of usually landing the biggest free agents. They were winners in last season's World Series, but Boras said their first issue was pitching and nailing down their deal for Randy Johnson, which they announced three hours after the Mets introduced Beltran in a unique New York baseball news conference doubleheader.

"The Yankees were interested," Beltran said. "But they wanted to wait to make a decision. I was not willing to wait to find a team. I wanted a commitment. The Mets were willing to do that."

Part of the timing issue was a change in federal tax laws which takes effect Wednesday. By completing his deal Tuesday, Beltran saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes on his \$11 million signing bonus, according to Boras.

# Judge refuses to dismiss Neuheisel suit

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**SEATTLE** — A judge refused to dismiss a suit filed by former Washington football coach Rick Neuheisel against the university and said he will rule Friday on a similar dismissal motion by the NCAA.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages for Neuheisel's dismissal in June 2003 after he was accused of dishonesty and violation of NCAA gambling rules, is scheduled to go to trial Jan. 24.

A motion by the university to dismiss the suit was rejected Monday by King County Superior Court Judge Michael S. Spearman.

"We've pleased it's going to trial against the university," said

# Knicks: So far, big N.Y. payroll hasn't meant big production

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The timing couldn't be better with the Knicks' lead over their underachieving Atlantic Division pursuers having shrunk to one game, but only if they're able to capitalize on the stretch of winnable games and raise the bar of expectations to a level more befitting the team's payroll.

Stephen Marbury, with a salary of \$14.6 million, still carries the tag of never having gotten out of the first round of the playoffs. Tim Thomas, with a salary of \$12.9 million, is grabbing just 3.5 rebounds and handing out 1.1 assists per game.

Crawford, making \$6 million, has yet to play for an NBA team that's won more than 30 games. Hardaway, earning \$14.6 million,

has been supplanted in the rotation by rookie second-round draft pick Trevor Ariza, and Allan Houston, making \$17.5 million, is still trying to rediscover his shooting stroke after missing the first month of the season with a knee injury.

The team-wide effort level has been lacking in many of their losses, and the club's acceptance of its mediocrity is, at the very least, puzzling.

"There's no reason why, as a team, we shouldn't play hard. Period. There's no reason," Marbury said. "My thing is, you've got to ask yourself if you're playing to win a championship, or are you playing to make money. I think we're playing for a championship, and I think we all have to ask ourselves that as individuals."

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## The best money can buy?

Knicks getting only marginal return on NBA's highest payroll

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**P** GREENBURGH, N.Y. — Perhaps it's time for the New York Knicks to come up with a new marketing slogan.

They can borrow the phrase coach Lenny Wilkens uttered Monday, which happened to be the exact same quote team president Isiah Thomas came up with the night before: "We're not fooling ourselves."

By declaring the roster he assembled a .500 outfit, Thomas seemed to be making a concerted effort to lower expectations for the league's highest-paid team as he moves into his second year at the helm.

The Knicks' record (17-17) says they're a .500 team, and they freely admit that the prospect of finishing in first place with a 41-41 record doesn't sound all that bad.

"Let's get everybody healthy and see," Wilkens said after practice Monday. "Are we just .500, or what? Maybe we're worse."

After a whirlwind 12½ months since Thomas replaced Scott Layden, the Knicks are coming to grips with the reality of who they are despite a league-high payroll of \$103 million and a star player who has proclaimed himself the NBA's best point guard — a declaration that was immediately followed by a four-game losing streak.

"I don't think we're a great team right now, I never said so," Wilkens said. "Certainly we can have a say in a lot of things, but I don't think we've found out who we are. We haven't had everybody here to do that yet. When we do, we'll get a better handle, but if you look at our club now, yeah, we're not more than (.500)."

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Stephon Marbury  
Knicks point guard

New York Knicks' Stephon Marbury (3) recently proclaimed himself the best point guard in the NBA — and the team promptly went on a four-game losing streak. Despite a league-high \$103 million payroll, the Knicks are 17-17 but leading the underachieving Atlantic Division.

The feeling around the locker room seemed much more positive just a couple weeks ago, before Jamal Crawford went down with a toe injury expected to keep him sidelined for at least two more weeks.

New York strung together consecutive victories against Charlotte, Orlando and Minnesota to move three games over .500 at

16-13, but followed with a stretch of four consecutive lopsided losses to New Jersey, Sacramento, Miami and Cleveland.

"I thought that the Cleveland game, the dam broke. But tonight they put it back together again and we move forward," Thomas said after New York ended its skid with a 113-105 victory over Portland.

"Right now, [compared to] where we were last year and where we're trying to get to, progress here is being made."

Sunday night's victory quieted the speculation over Wilkens' job security, but Thomas' statements can be taken to mean that someone will take a fall if the Knicks dip too far below their new break-even barometer.

Injuries to Crawford, Penny Hardaway, Michael Sweetney and Tim Thomas have taken away much of the Knicks' depth, although they are entering a stretch of schedule in which none of their next six opponents — beginning with Tuesday night's game against the 3-29 New Orleans Hornets — has a winning record.

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Knicks coach Lenny Wilkens, above left, appears to have job security right now, but with hands-on team president Isiah Thomas watching, that situation could change if the Knicks don't rise above their .500 record.

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